

# ANNUAL REPORTS

OF, THE TOWN OFFICERS AND  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE  
TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING  
DECEMBER 31

1925

# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
LAND OFFICE  
FOR THE YEAR 1877

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# TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1925

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## TREASURER

Felix A. Bouvier

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## CLERK

William W. Buckley

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## Selectmen

Joseph Lafleche 2nd, Frank A. Sansoucy, Joseph G. E. Page.

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## OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Henry Robida	Term expires 1927
Hermenglide J. Lamothe	Term expires 1928
George H. Hartwell, Jr.	Term expires 1926

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## ASSESSORS

William H. McGilpin	Term expires 1927
Benonie Bouchard	Term expires 1928
Philius X. Casavant	Term expires 1926

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## BOARD OF HEALTH

Philias Caron	Term expires 1927
Charles Simpson, M. D.	Term expires 1928
Alfred J. Peloquin	Term expires 1926

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## HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

Edmond Richard

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## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

J. Arthur Genereux	Term expires 1927
Joseph V. Laughnane	Term expires 1927
Pierre Lafortune	Term expires 1928
Hector LeClair	Term expires 1928
Alfred E. Lepierre	Term expires 1926
Hector L. Peloquin	Term expires 1926

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## TRUSTEES JACOB EDWARDS MEMORIAL LIBRARY

George Grant	Francis L. Chapin
Fred E. Corbin	John E. Page
Louis O. Rieutord	E. Benjamin Armstrong
Henry Tetreault	For the Fund
For the Town	

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## CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Emery Lavallee	Term expires 1927
Alva L. Hyde	Term expires 1927
Daniel T. Morrill	Term expires 1928
Wardwell M. Edwards	Term expires 1928
Clarence F. Morse	Term expires 1926
George H. Hartwell, Jr.	Term expires 1926



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CONSTABLES

Ulric Brault

Andrew M. Higgins

Patrick Donnelly

George M. Lamothe

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TAX COLLECTOR

Leon J. Delage

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PLANNING BOARD

Henry R. Dufault

George Grant

E. Benjamin Armstrong

Alexander J. Paquin

Wilfrid J. Lamoureux

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SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Joseph A. Allard

Term expires 1927

Onesiphore Lapierre

Term expires 1928

Omer Feron

Term expires 1926

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SINKING FUND COMMISSIONERS

Conrad E. Maynard

Term expires 1927

George B. Wells

Term expires 1928

Peter Lacasse

Term expires 1926

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PARK COMMISSIONERS

Hector M. LeClair

Term expires 1927

George Silk

Term expires 1928

William C. Lunan

Term expires 1926

TREE WARDEN

William A. Ducette

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TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUND

Arthur O. Boyer      Allan H. Faxon      Raymond H. Favreau

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APPOINTIVE OFFICERS

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TOWN COUNSEL

Henry J. Tetrault

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TOWN ENGINEER

Thomas F. McGovern

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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Fred E. Corbin

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CARE OF TOWN CLOCK

Marcus L. Dilaber

## POUND KEEPER

Joseph Payant  

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## KEEPER OF LOCKUP

Ulric Breault

Assistant, Louis Peloquin  

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## JANITOR OF TOWN BUILDING

Victor Gaumond  

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## TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Valmore P. Tetreault  

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## CATTLE INSPECTOR

William T. Pugh, V. S.  

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## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Felix Gatineau  

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## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

S. D. Perry

Joseph L. Berthiaume

J. J. O'Shaughnessy

William W. Buckley, Clerk

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## FIRE ENGINEERS

Joseph E. Duchesneau, Chief

Louis Lamothe

John J. Hogan

George W. Laughnane

J. Willard Claffin

James C. Sangren, Superintendent of Fire Alarm

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## FIRE WARDEN

Joseph E. Duchesneau

## DEPUTIES

Louis Pontbriand

Felix Lavallee

George Clemence

William LeBlanc

Edward Staves

George W. Lavallee

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## FENCE VIEWERS

I. Raymond Apte

Albert J. McKinstry

Charles Proulx, Jr.

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## MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK

Mederic Duhamel

A. J. Harwood

Thomas Hughes

Wardwell Edwards

Solomon Labonte

George Harris

Joseph L. Berthiaume

Alfred Montigny

Charles J. Brodeur

Dewey Lariviere

Hector Demers

George Alley

Everett M. Morse

H. E. Beveridge

George Simpson

Eugene Walker

## FIELD DRIVERS

Joseph Breault      Ulric Breault      Alphonse J. Guilmette  
Valmore P. Tetreault

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## POLICE OFFICERS

Thoms Troy	Dr. H. L. Peloquin
Louis Meunier	Victor Gaumond
Felix Gatineau	A. J. McKinstry
Miss Margaret Butler	Joseph Payant
Louis Hetu	Edward Carey
Robert Christianson	Napoleon Biron
Narcisse Peloquin	Alfred Langevin
Marcus L. Dillaber	Raymond H. Rice
Thomas Nichols	James Cameron
Joseph D. Proulx	Fred Green
Napoleon Boiteau	J. H. Montigny
Francisco Pantello	Thomas Cody
Joseph Tremblay	John Wilson
Frank Fox	A. D. Birtz
Francis Houlberg	Geo. W. Lavallee
Arthur Durocher	John Nichols
John Farquhar, Sr.	David Cloutier
Alfred Marand	Edward Grant
Joseph Dionne	Henry Robida
Oliver Houle	Peter Graff
Alfred Lafleche	Wilfred Riopel
John King	Arthur S. Lamphear
Henry Lavoie	Louis Dionne
Draper A. Story	Alpha Fontaine
Alonzo T. Rand	Justin Dentini
Michael Pendergast	George Duprey
I. Raymond Apte	Henry Curboy
Herve L'Homme	George Birgmark
Richard Collins	

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## UNIFORMED POLICE FORCE

Ulric Brault, Chief

A. M. Higgins—(Pensioned)	Osila Martin
Pierre Cormier	Thomas Dodd—(Resigned)
Joseph Paquin	Arthur L. Murphy
Patrick Donnelley	Felix Lusignan
Joseph Morin	Alfred Tetreault
Ernest J. Ferrio	Alfred Lariviere
John M. Beaudry	Martin Brennan
Carl Corriveau—Substitute	

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## SOLDIERS' BURIAL OFFICERS

George W. Corey	Alfred J. Peloquin	George Egan
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## PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Raoul Thibeault	Alfred McKinstry
George N. Crane	Thomas Hughes
Joseph Laughnane	Clarence Morse
George Alley	Wardwell M. Edwards
Edward Jones	E. I. Knowles
George Harris	George Bergmark
Charles Brousseau	Robert Christianson
Hamilton Smith	Charles W. Johnson
G. L. Patterson	Herbert R. Harris
Mederic Duhamel	Stanley Cheney
Eugene Walker	Irene Hughes
Ernest Ferrio	A. M. Badger
William Proulx	Bazil J. Proulx, Jr.
George E. Morse	H. E. Beveridge
C. Russell Morse	

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## ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Miss Margaret Butler

# REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

For The Year Ending December 31, 1925.

Cash on hand January 1, 1925 . . . . .	\$54605 86	
Receipts for 1925 . . . . .	\$1009223 63	
	<hr/>	\$1063829 49
Disbursements for 1925 . . . . .		983710 32
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Cash on hand December 31, 1925 . . . . .		\$80119 17
Statement, Peoples National Bank, January 1, 1926	\$26132 17	
Less checks outstanding		4151 17
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		21981 00
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Statement, Southbridge Natl. Bank January 1, 1926	\$57615 95	
Less checks outstanding		967 98
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		56647 97
Cash on hand, received to date for deposit Dec. 31	1490 20	
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		\$80119 17

FELIX A. BOUVIER,

Treasurer.



## NOTES

To be Paid in 1926	Denominated	When Made	Amount of Loan	Balance Outstanding Dec. 31, 1925
\$1500.00	Sewer Filter Beds	1909	\$28500 00	\$3000 00
500.00	New High School	1916	7000 00	2500 00
3800.00	Main and Central Sts. Paving	1926	38000 00	19000 00
2200.00	Elm St. Paving	1926	22000 00	11000 00
1360.00	Main, North & Pleasant Sts. Paving	1921	13600 00	8160 00
7500.00	Vocational School Bonds	1922	150000 00	127500 00
12500.00	River St. School	1924	25000 00	12500 00
1000.00	River St. School	1924	7000 00	6000 00
10000.00	Sewer Bed Extension	1925	70000 00	70000 00
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Amount inside Debt Limit			\$259660 00	
Sewer Bonds, Due 1930			20000 00	
Sewer Bonds, Due 1929			30000 00	
3750.00	New High School	1916	75000 00	41250 00
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\$44110.00	Amount outside Debt Limit		\$91250 00	
Total Funded Debt			\$350910 00	
Less Sinking Fund Security			44360 40	
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Net Funded December 31, 1925			\$306549 60	
\$109000.00	Anticipation of Rev. Loans,	1925	100000 00	

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## CEMETERY FUND

Book No	Depository	Balance Dec. 31, 1925	Interest 1925
24902	Dedham Institution for Savings	\$1000 00	45 50
22841	Leominster Savings Bank	975 00	22 75
9849	Millbury Savings Bank	1000 00	45 49
32073	Natick Five Cents Savings Bank	1000 00	45 49
8465	Southbridge Savings Bank	6200 00	188 67
378	Southbridge Peoples Natl Bank	8100 00	328 66
3592	Southbridge National Bank	2969 68	114 72
153048	Springfield Institution for Saving	2000 00	22 75
1498	Salem Five Cents Savings Bank	1000 00	48 05
3791	Ware Savings Bank	1000 00	45 49
11619	Webster Five Cents Savings Bank	1004 25	45 68
55266	Worcester Peoples Savings Bank	1000 00	45 50
54964	Worcester Five Cents Sav. Bank	1000 00	45 50
47299	Worcester Mechanics Sav. Bank	1000 00	45 50
79028	Worcester Co. Institution for Sav.	2000 00	47 38
	Liberty Bonds, 2nd. 4 1-4s	5000 00	212 50
	U. S. Government Bonds, 4s	25000 00	873 37
	Southbridge Co-Operative Bank		100 00
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		\$61248 93	2323 00
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Total Cemetery Fund Dec. 31, 1924		\$58785	93
Added to Fund in 1925		2463	00
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Total Cemetery Fund Dec. 31, 1925		\$61248	93

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## SINKING FUND

Book No.	Depository	Balance Dec. 31, 1925	Interest 1925
	Southbridge Co-Operative Bank		30 00
16257	Amherst Savings Bank	\$1360 46	59 19
34032	Clinton Savings Bank	1426 63	62 08
44901	Dedham Institution for Savings	1144 68	49 80
51856	Fitchburg Savings Bank	1250 31	60 23
4443	Leicester Savings Bank	1190 43	51 80
39639	Natick Five Cents Savings Bank	991 07	43 10
29970	Salem Five Cents Savings Bank	1388 17	63 64
390502	Suffolk Savings Bank	1403 92	61 09
21209	Southbridge Savings Bank	4907 39	187 45
4459	Southbridge National Bank	709 10	21 35
914	Southbridge Peoples Natl Bank	5065 22	197 63
42082	Ware Savings Bank	1176 07	51 16
21481	Webster Five Cents Sav. Bank	1467 20	63 84
130170	Worcester Five Cents Sav. Bank	1223 66	53 24
50139	Worcester Peoples Savings Bank	1490 92	64 90
73989	Worcester Mechanics Sav. Bank	1130 09	49 16
239436	Worcester Co. Institution for Sav.	1035 08	15 08
	Augusta Me. Water Bonds	16000 00	640 00
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		\$44360 40	\$1824 74
Total Sinking Fund, December 31, 1924			\$42535 66
Interest on Sinking Fund for 1925			1824 74
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Total Sinking Fund, December 31, 1925.			\$44360 40

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Book No.	Depository	Fund	Balance	Interest
			Dec. 31, 1925	1925
3553	Peoples National Bank	J. J. Angell Fund	\$1000 00	46 02
21084	Southbridge Savings Bank	Boyer Fund	200 00	11 86
9529	Southbridge Sav. Bank	Mary Mynott Fund	1000 00	45 50
36764	Southbridge Sav. Bank	World War Mem'l	3807 33	28 34
5502	Peoples National Bank	World War Mem'l	4066 92	66 92
Total			\$7874 25	\$95 26

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## SEWERS

Year of Ass'mt	For Collection	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1924	Ass'mt 1925	Collected 1925	Appr'd 1925	Abated 1925	Outstanding Dec. 31, 1925
1921	Central St.	\$259 00					\$259 00
1922	Marcy St.	777 07		140 37	182 94		453 76
1922	Hartwell St.	476 26		189 04			287 22
1922	Dresser St.	163 02					163 02
1923	Dresser St.	96 72				46 72	50 00
1924	West St.	485 05		380 33		104 72	
1925	Columbus Ave.		879 84	563 41			316 43
1925	Taft St.		310 52	310 52			
1925	Spring St.		566 26	234 47		67 15	264 64
1925	Chestnut St.		453 80				453 80
		\$2257 12	\$2210 42	\$1818 14	\$182 94	\$218 59	\$2247 87

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## INVENTORIES

Totals of Inventories as submitted by the following departments:

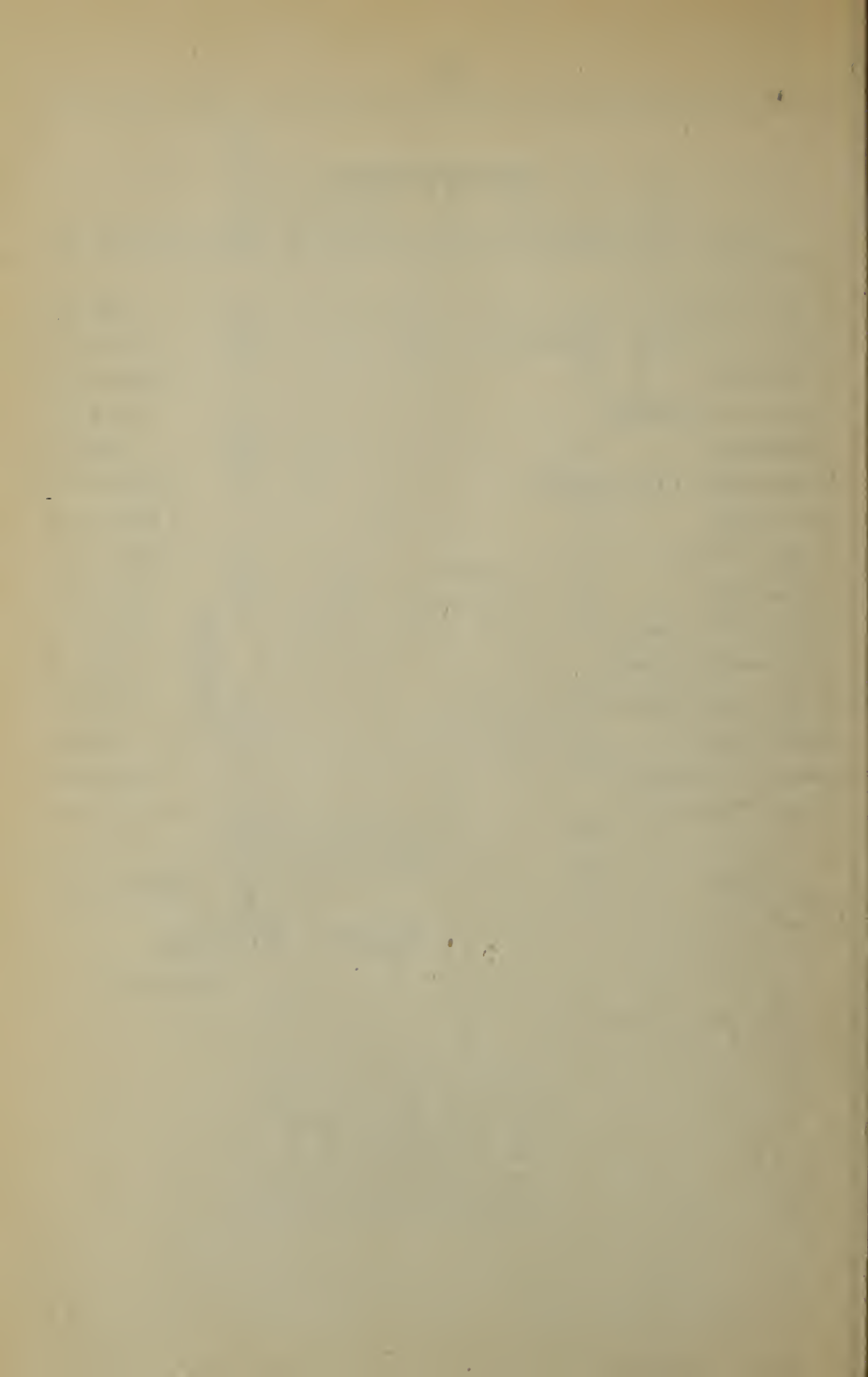
Tree Warden .....	\$80 00
Board of Public Welfare .....	1087 50
Almshouse .....	21900 00
Sealer of Weights .....	1419 75
Treasurer .....	388 20
Selectmen, (Town Hall) .....	165000 00
Fire Dept. ....	118639 00
Police Dept. ....	64200 00
Ambulance .....	5092 00
Forest Fire Dept. ....	1064 50
Engineering Dept. ....	981 59
Town Accountant .....	150 00
Moth Dept. ....	24 10
Board of Health .....	1500 00
Sewer Dept. ....	1433 91

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Total \$382960 55

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Treasurer.



## REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my annual report of financial transactions of the Town of Southbridge for the year ending December 31, 1925.

The system of accounting has been carried out as in the previous years under the direction of the Division of Accounts, Department of Corporations and Taxations.

Again, I request all departments to use the special triplicate forms whenever a bill is rendered, also the duplicate order forms, that I have had printed. These forms can be had at my office.

Further, I call to your attention the desirability of endowing the Tax collector with the power to collect all moneys due the town. Outside of the advantages to be gained by such a procedure, it has proven itself a successful feature in office of other Town collectors.

In closing I wish to extend my sincere thanks to our various town departments for their hearty co-operation and assistance rendered during the year.

Respectfully,

VALMORE P. TETREAULT.

Accountant.



## GENERAL REVENUE

### Taxes:

Current year .....	\$307591	30
Previous years .....	38466	79
Corporation tax .....	34754	72
Income tax .....	37559	41
National Bank tax ....	1674	41
Street Railway tax ....	19	75

Total taxes .....		\$420065 38
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### Licenses and Permits:

Junk .....	\$45	00
Peddlers .....	220	00
Sunday .....	231	00
Pool, Billiards and Bowling .....	142	50
Milk .....	30	00
All others .....	286	00

Total Licenses and Permits		\$954 50
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### Fines and Forfeits:

Court fines .....		\$2807 50
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### Grants and Gifts:

Dog licenses .....		\$1312 50
Tax title .....		\$34 32

### Special Assessments:

Unapportioned sewers	1818	14
Apportioned sewers ..	661	85



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Sidewalks . . . . .	1847 36	
Total Assessments . . . . .		\$4327 35

### COMMERCIAL REVENUE DEPARTMENTAL

Collector . . . . .	15 31	
Town Hall . . . . .	385 00	
Selectmen . . . . .	110 22	
Total General Government		\$510 53

#### Protection of Persons and Property:

Police (Rent) . . . . .	\$1950 00
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#### Fire Department:

Sale of old material . .	2 50
Garage licenses . . . . .	72 00
Aid rendered . . . . .	375 00
All others . . . . .	21 21

Total Fire Department . .	\$470 71
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Sealer of Weights & Meas.	\$165 23
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#### Highway:

Sale of old material . .	76 25
Rent of Steam Roller . .	20 00

Total Highway . . . . .	\$96 25
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#### Charities:

Almshouse . . . . .	84 00
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#### Outside Relief:

Individuals . . . . .	179 00
Cities and Towns . . . . .	1999 50
From State . . . . .	3737 84

## Mothers' Aid:

Cities and Towns . . . . .	621 06
From State . . . . .	3088 25

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Total Charities . . . . .	\$9709 65
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## Soldiers' Benefits:

State Aid . . . . .	582 00
Military Aid . . . . .	282 50

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Total Soldiers' Benefits . . . . .	\$864 50
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## Schools:

Tuition, State Wards . . . . .	12483 11
Other tuition . . . . .	5736 05
Sale of books & supplies . . . . .	7 00
All other . . . . .	101 80

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Total School . . . . .	\$18327 96
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## Libraries:

Fines . . . . .	\$353 37
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## Engineering Department:

Sale of old materials . . . . .	\$75 23
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Tailings . . . . .	\$6 66
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Ambulance . . . . .	\$584 00
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## Cemetery:

Opening graves . . . . .	442 50
Care of lots . . . . .	57 00

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Total Cemetery . . . . .	\$499 50
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## Interest:

Deposits .....	2746 56
Taxes .....	2262 03
Sewer .....	146 88
Sidewalk .....	35 18
Sinking Fund .....	670 00
Cemetery Fund .....	2449 63
Mynott Fund .....	45 50
J. J. Angell Fund .....	179 76
Boyer Fund .....	72 93

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Total Interest ..... \$8608 47

## Debts:

Anticipation of revenue	410000 00
Filters Beds .....	70000 00

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Total Debt ..... \$480000 00

## Agency:

State Tax .....	33599 58
Tax coll'ted for County	20859 00
Auditing Municipal	
Accounts .....	429 91

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Total Agency ..... \$54888 49

## Trust Funds:

Cemetery .....	\$2513 00
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## Refund:

Insurance .....	37 50
School .....	60 00

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\$97 50

Total Receipts .....	\$1009223 63
Cash on hand December 31st, 1925	54605 86
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	\$1063829 49

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## PAYMENTS

### General Government:

#### Legislative:

Moderator .....	\$30 00
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#### Selectmen:

Salaries .....	1700 00
Clerk's salary .....	450 00
Stationery and postage .....	26 24
Printing & advertising .....	169 96
Carfares, teams, etc ..	50 00
Telephone .....	177 97
Census .....	641 02
Street Signs & Signals .....	386 28
All other .....	94 50

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Total Selectmen .....	\$3695 97
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#### Accountant:

Salary .....	1650 00
Stationery and postage .....	23 87
Printing & advertising .....	50 68

Total Accountant .....	\$1724 55
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## Treasurer:

Salary .....	1200 00
Clerk .....	300 00
Stationery and postage	50 02
Printing & advertising	9 00
Carfares, teams, etc...	5 00
Telephone .....	33 90
Bond and Payroll ins.	130 00
Typewriter .....	82 25
Certifying notes .....	52 00
All other .....	22 35

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Total Treasurer ..... \$1884 52

## Collector:

Salary .....	1500 00
Clerk .....	300 00
Stationery and postage	251 35
Printing & advertising	73 25
Telephone .....	33 45
Bond .....	200 00
All other .....	53 40

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Total Collector ..... \$2411 45

## Assessors:

Salaries .....	2600 00
Clerks .....	290 58
Interpreters .....	22 25
Stationery and postage	88 95
Printing & advertising	2017 20
Carefares, teams, etc. .	99 30
Telephone .....	32 70
Abstracts of Deeds ...	98 82

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All others .....	7 51	
Total Assessors .....		\$5257 31

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## Town Clerk:

Recording Fees .....	582 50	
Town clerk salary .....	350 00	
Clerk hire .....	425 00	
Stationery and postage .....	62 29	
Printing & advertising .....	68 57	
Telephone .....	79 59	
All others .....	30 50	
Total Town Clerk .....		\$1598 45

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## Election and Registration:

Registrars' salaries .....	310 00	
Election officers .....	560 50	
Stationery and postage .....	7 50	
Printing & advertising .....	1180 80	
Meals .....	220 00	
All others .....	17 00	
Total Election and Registration .....		\$2296 80

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## Law:

Town counsel salary .....	\$600 00
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## Town Hall:

Janitor .....	1300 00
Helpers .....	146 00
Fuel .....	720 30
Lights .....	344 60

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Janitors' supplies . . .	99 92
Repairs . . . . .	2270 76
Water . . . . .	33 31
All others . . . . .	83 26

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Total Town Hall . . . . .	\$4998 15
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Protection of Persons and Property:

Engineering Department:

Wages . . . . .	1451 36
Engineer's salary . . . .	3000 00
House numbers . . . . .	304 00
Ford truck and main- tenance . . . . .	312 60
Paint . . . . .	68 16
Office supplies and all others . . . . .	358 51

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Total Engineering Dept.	\$5495 18
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Damage to Persons and Property:

Property . . . . .	\$11 50
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Police Department:

Salaries:

Chief . . . . .	2301 40
Patrolmen . . . . .	19988 57
Special Police . . . . .	403 32
Janitor . . . . .	1169 00
Matron . . . . .	34 50

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	\$23896 79
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Equipment and Repairs:

Equipment for men . . .	284 37
Motorcycle . . . . .	508 50
Maintenance of auto- mobile and motorcycles	1251 51

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\$2044 38

## Fuel and Light:

Fuel . . . . .	540 90
Lights . . . . .	207 98

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\$748 88

## Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds:

Repairs . . . . .	114 39
Janitors' supplies . . . .	106 74
All others . . . . .	148 11

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\$369 24

## Other Expenses:

Printing, stationery and postage . . . . .	45 25
Telephone . . . . .	95 58
Telephone signal . . . . .	993 80
Transportation . . . . .	38 70
Care of Prisoners . . . . .	396 74
All others . . . . .	69 70

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\$1639 77

Total Police Department \$28699 06



## Fire Department:

## Salaries:

Chief .....	2299 96
Engineers .....	725 00
Permanent men .....	11380 28
Call men .....	3251 13
Supt. of fire alarms ..	300 00

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\$17956 37

## Equipment and Repairs:

Apparatus .....	803 15
Hose .....	475 00
Equipment for men ..	451 00
Alarm Boxes, etc. ....	330 34
Gas and oil .....	231 71
All others .....	78 90

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\$2370 10

## Hydrant Service:

Water .....	\$6921 60
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## Fuel and Lights:

Fuel .....	379 45
Lights .....	236 49

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\$615 94

## Maintenance of Buildings:

Repairs .....	162 15
Furniture and furnish- ings .....	217 03

Laundry work .....	65 19
All others .....	120 50

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\$564 87

Other Expenses:

Stationery, printing and postage .....	55 26
Telephone .....	125 48
All others .....	4 00

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\$185 74

Total Fire Department. \$28613 72

Forest Fires:

Warden .....	200 00
Fighting fires .....	145 15
Apparatus .....	162 71
All others .....	62 16

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Total Forest Fire \$570 02

Tree Warden:

Superintendent .....	207 50
Labor .....	755 25
Hardware and Tools .....	52 28

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Total Tree Warden \$1015 03

Sealer of Weights and Measures:

Salary .....	875 00
Stationery, printing and postage .....	45 21
Carfares, teams, etc. .	162 10

All others .....	17 69	
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Total Sealer of Weights and Measures .....		\$1100 00
Moth Department:		
Superintendent .....	90 50	
Labor .....	371 25	
Truck hire .....	20 00	
Tools and supplies ..	15 31	
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Total Moth Department ..		\$497 06
Game Warden: .....		\$100 00
Health and Sanitation:		
Health:		
General administration:		
Salary of Board .....	300 00	
Agent ..... \$.	500 00	
Stationery, printing and postage .....	6 18	
Telephone .....	39 29	
All others .....	10 95	
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		\$856 42
Quarantine and Contagious Diseases:		
Board and Treatment .....	\$2 80	
Medical attendance ..	85 20	
Drugs and medicines ..	6 80	
Dry goods & clothing ..	50 08	
Groceries & provisions ..	98 00	
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		\$242 88

## Tuberculosis:

Board and Treatment	\$2454 39
Dispensary .....	200 00

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\$2654 39

## Vital Statistics:

Births .....	\$84 75
Deaths .....	36 00

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\$120 75

Plumbing Inspector .....

\$900 00

## Public Health Nurse:

Salary .....	\$1600 00
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## Dental Clinics:

Dentists' salaries and supplies .....	\$394 31
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## Inspection School Children:

Salary of Physician ..	\$800 00
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## Animals:

Salary .....	\$300 00
Expenses .....	6 65

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\$306 65

## Meat:

Salary .....	\$400 00
Expenses .....	152 25

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\$552 25

Milk Inspector .....	\$100 00
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## Collection of Garbage:

Labor .....	\$3450 80
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All others .....	16 05
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	\$3466 85
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Total Health Department	\$11994 50
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## General Cleaning:

Labor .....	\$4758 75
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Teams .....	1071 00
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Truck hire .....	50 00
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Equipment .....	840 60
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All others .....	28 80
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Total General Cleaning	\$6749 15
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## Sewer Maintenance:

Board salary .....	\$300 00
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Superintendent .....	1500 00
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Labor .....	646 98
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Tools and equipment ..	823 56
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Pipe and Fittings ....	243 25
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East Main Street Sewer	
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Repairs .....	3489 68
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Total Sewer .....	\$7003 47
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## Highways:

## Bridges:

Labor .....	\$636 50
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Teams .....	104 00
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Truck hire .....	25 00
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Reps. of Dudley Bridge	53 65
Materials .....	477 43

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\$1296 50

**Railings:**

Labor .....	\$149 50
Lumber .....	80 79
Paint .....	17 00
All others ..	24 53

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\$271 82

**General Administration:**

Highway Surveyor ..	\$1800 00
Clerk .....	300 00
All others .....	94 58

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\$2194 58

**General Maintenance:**

Labor .....	\$5318 50
Teams .....	1932 75
Truck hire .....	2268 76
Broken Stone, Gravel, etc. ....	938 62
Equipment and repairs	1448 23

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\$11906 86

**Maintenance of Permanent Roads:**

Labor .....	\$2535 95
Teams .....	392 00

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Trucks hire .....	621 88
Material .....	4071 44
Tools and repairs .....	213 76
All others .....	159 73

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\$7994 76

## Snow and Ice Removal:

Labor .....	\$1617 25
Teams .....	461 00
Truck hire .....	286 88
All others .....	136 50

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\$2501 63

## Sidewalks Repairs:

Labor .....	\$2246 00
Teams .....	115 50
Trucks hire .....	262 50
Material .....	1142 69
All others .....	188 75

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\$3955 44

## Oiling Streets:

Contract .....	\$2475 80
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## Street Lights:

Contract .....	\$14364 10
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## Charities:

## General Administration:

Salary and wages .....	\$1022 00
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Printing, stationery and	
postage . . . . .	31 35
All others . . . . .	190 07

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\$1243 42

Outside Poor:

Groceries . . . . .	\$20263 61
Coal and wood . . . . .	2286 29
Board and care . . . . .	7564 49
Medicine and medical	
attentions . . . . .	1443 17
State Institutions . . . . .	1443 97
Rent . . . . .	4142 59
Burial, clothing and all	
other . . . . .	1262 47

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\$38403 59

Relief by Cities and Towns:

Cities . . . . .	\$439 73
Towns . . . . .	428 43

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\$868 16

Mothers' Aid:

By Town . . . . .	\$7138 73
Other Cities and Towns . . . . .	318 67

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\$7457 40

Almshouse:

Superintendent . . . . .	\$1650 00
Groceries . . . . .	1790 59



Dry goods and clothing	207 64
Buildings	785 53
Fuel and Lights	992 76
Water	67 10
Truck and maintenance	276 32
Medicine, medical attendance and all other	229 50

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\$5999 44

Total Charities \$53975 01

Soldiers' Benefit:

State Aid	\$658 00
Military Aid	510 01

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\$1168 01

Soldiers' Relief:

Fuel	\$330 75
Groceries & provisions	819 60
Medicine and medical attendance	519 89
Cash and Rent	1694 00
All other	43 10

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\$3407 34

Total Soldiers' Benefits \$4575 34

School:

Smith-Hughes Fund:

Salaries	\$1548 95
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## Boyer Trust Fund:

Books .....	\$43 70
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## General Administration:

Superintendent .....	\$3899 96
Clerk (office) .....	850 00
Truant .....	249 96
Printing, stationery and postage .....	391 80
Telephone .....	303 48
Traveling expenses ...	87 43
Automobile hire .....	349 50
All other .....	221 77

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\$6353 90

## Teachers' Salaries:

High .....	\$17091 75
Elementary .....	56232 85
Evening .....	1802 00
Americanization .....	1345 00
Continuation .....	7160 52
Vocational .....	9652 38

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\$93284 50

## Text Books and Supplies:

## High:

Books .....	\$1556 13
All other school sup- plies .....	1526 99

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\$3083 12

## Elementary:

Books .....	\$1187 08
All other school supplies .....	1350 83

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\$2537 91

## Evening:

Books .....	\$103 15
All other school supplies .....	39 93

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\$143 08

## Continuation:

Books and all other school supplies .....	\$1365 45
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## Vocational:

Books, equipment, and all other school supplies .....	\$5775 66
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## Tuition:

High .....	\$20 50
Elementary .....	510 83

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\$531 33

## Transportation:

Elementary .....	\$2254 40
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## Janitors' Services:

High .....	\$1299 96
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Elementary .....	5787 29
Evening .....	\$9 00

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\$7196 25

Fuel and Light:

High .....	\$2552 27
Elementary .....	4655 06
Evening .....	10 27

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\$7217 60

Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds:

High:

Repairs .....	\$1562 95
Janitors' supplies .....	358 20
All others .....	314 02

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\$2235 17

Elementary:

Repairs .....	\$3503 07
Janitors' supplies .....	377 76
All others .....	747 46

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\$4628 29

Furniture and Furnishings:

High .....	\$496 27
Elementary .....	203 70
Evening .....	40 00

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\$739 97

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Diplomas and Graduations:

Exercises ..... \$13 20

Total School ..... \$137259 83

## Library:

## Salaries:

Librarian ..... \$1800 00

Assistants ..... 2340 80

Janitors ..... 1320 83

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\$5461 63

## Books and Periodicals:

Books ..... \$977 74

Periodicals ..... 252 26

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\$1230 00

## Binding

Books ..... \$416 77

Periodicals ..... 12 00

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\$428 77

## Fuel and Lights:

Fuel ..... \$585 50

Lights ..... 256 88

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\$842 38

## Building:

Repairs ..... \$98 02

Furniture and furnishings .....	10 00
Janitors' supplies, all other .....	51 00

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\$159 02

Other Expenses:

Stationery, printing and postage .....	\$248 69
Telephone .....	41 71
Typewriter .....	87 25
All others .....	20

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\$377 85

Mynott Fund, Books ..... \$51 02

Total Library ..... \$8550 67

Play Ground and Bath Houses:

Instructors .....	\$1188 00
Labor .....	315 22
Apparatus .....	601 30
Sand ..	121 85
Automobile hire .....	177 00
All others .....	128 34

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\$2531 71

Parks:

Labor .....	\$177 14
Equipment .....	97 86
Loom .....	25 00

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\$300 00

## Unclassified:

Town Reports .....	\$605 28
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## Memorial Day:

G. A. R. ....	\$200 00
S. W. V. ....	100 00
American Legion ....	150 00

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\$450 00

## Insurance:

Liability .....	\$733 72
Police Station .....	36 00
Town Hall .....	377 60
School .....	560 58
Sealer's office .....	31 50
Library .....	355 76
Almshouse .....	624 08
Almshouse .....	20 00
Fire Department .....	224 00

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\$2963 24

## Water and Ice Supply:

Drinking Fountain ....	\$300 00
Bubblers .....	23 70
Labor .....	33 40
Ice .....	473 36
All others .....	56 96

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\$887 42



## Town Clerk:

Care of clock .....	\$50 00
Repairs .....	13 93

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 \$63 93

## Ambulance:

Meals .....	\$19 50
Laundry .....	3 44
Repairs and supplies ..	567 37
All others .....	3 00

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 \$593 31

## Band Concerts:

Music .....	\$350 00
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Pensions .....	\$560 00
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1924 Outstanding Bills ..	\$24 75
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J. J. Angell Fund .....	\$94 35
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## Cemetery:

Superintendent .....	\$250 00
Labor .....	3340 85
Shrubs, etc. ....	280 83
Tools .....	92 93
Water .....	8 00
Teams .....	150 00
All others .....	55 77

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 \$4178 31

## Interest:

## Temporary Loans:

Anticipation of revenue \$7980 39

## General Loans:

Sewer .....	3580 00
Highway .....	1883 95
School .....	8638 47

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Total Interest ..... \$22082 81

## Debt:

## Temporary Loans:

Anticipation of revenue \$370000 00

## General Loans:

Sewer .....	\$1500 00
Highway .....	7360 00
School .....	30550 00

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Total Indebtedness ..... \$409410 00

## Agency:

State tax .....	\$31440 00
County tax .....	20859 00
Auditing municipal ac-	
counts .....	425 91
State Highway Tax ..	776 97
All others .....	1382 61

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\$54884 49

## Trust Funds: .

Cemetery      Perpetual	
fund .....	\$2589 63
Sinking fund .....	670 00
Surplus      War      Bonus	
Fund .....	7778 99
Refund, overpayment,	
Cemetery fund ...	50 00

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 \$11088 62

Total Agency ..... \$65973 11

## Outlays:

## New Fire Pump:

Pump .....	\$6500 00
Equipment .....	397 25

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 \$6897 25

Eastford Road Grading: ..... \$450 00

## Eastford Road Pavement:

Labor .....	\$1114 28
Truck .....	164 13
Material .....	<b>1649 59</b>
All others .....	72 00

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 \$3000 00

## Mill Street Pavement:

Labor .....	\$1170 25
Truck .....	241 50
Material and rental	

of machineries	1588 25
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\$3000 00

Charlton Street Pavement:

Labor	\$2038 80
Teams	104 50
Trucks	772 75
Tools	23 72
Material	2534 09
Steam Shovel	525 00

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\$5998 86

Cohasse Street Sewer:

Contract (labor)	\$186 03
Manhole	36 19
All others	2 00

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\$224 22

Hartwell Street Sewer:

Contract (labor)	\$247 20
Material	84 77
Labor, extra	40 50
All others	7 00

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\$379 47

Eastford Road Sewer:

Contract (labor)	\$2009 58
Labor	6097 26
Labor	6097 26
Material	803 90

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Pipes .....	501 29
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\$9412 03

## Chestnut Street Sewer:

Contract (labor) ....	\$132 00
Labor .....	304 00
Trucks .....	2 00
All others .....	11 14

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\$449 14

## Cohasse Street Extension:

Labor .....	\$256 63
Pipes and material ..	805 49
Trucks .....	79 50

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\$1141 62

## Dresser Street Playground:

Labor .....	\$607 44
Teams and trucks ....	1315 02
Steam Shovel .....	1262 54
Material .....	515 00

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\$3700 00

## Marcy Street Sidewalk:

Contract .....	\$3639 97
All others .....	133 59

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\$3773 56

## Hartwell Street Sidewalk:

Contract .....	\$1973 20
All others .....	18 00

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\$1991 20

## Glover Street Sidewalk:

Contract .....	\$2453 22
All others .....	117 00

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\$2570 22

## Pleasant Street Sidewalk: .....

Contract .....	\$1428 43
	61 80

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\$1490 23

## Goddard Street Sidewalk:

Contract .....	\$997 75
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## Sayles Street Sidewalk:

Contract .....	\$1647 15
All others .....	2 00

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\$1649 15

## Oakes Ave. Sidewalk:

Contract .....	\$1293 80
All others .....	30 00

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\$1323 80

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 Everett Street Pavement:

Labor .....	\$53 38
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## Henry Street Catch Basin:

Labor .....	\$47 00
Material .....	148 84

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 \$195 84

## Filters Beds:

Labor .....	\$15646 60
Teams .....	1441 38
Trucks .....	20853 00
Steam Shovels .....	9442 04
Pipes .....	1311 63
Material .....	3931 99
Tools .....	1249 14
All others .....	612 63
Rental of Gasoline Pump .....	198 00

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 \$54683 41

Total payments .....	\$983710 32
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Cash on hand, December, 31, 1925 .....	80119 17
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 \$1063829 49

VALMORE P. TETREAULT,  
Accountant.



# TOWN OF SOUTHBIDGE

## BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1925

### REVENUE ACCOUNTS

#### ASSETS

##### Cash

Accounts Receivable

##### Taxes:

Levy of 1923 117 98  
Levy of 1924 14520 27  
Levy of 1925 56163 69

##### Tax Title

\$70801 94  
725 94

##### Special Assessments:

Sidewalk 473 16  
Sidewalk Committed Interest 30 36  
Unapportioned Sewer 4299 61  
Apportioned Sewer 75 57  
Sewer Committed Interest 9 94  
Apportioned Sewer 1926 to 1928 852 75

#### LIABILITIES

Reserve Fund 1332 10  
Loans, Anticipation of Taxes \$100000 00  
Tax Title Revenue 725 94  
J. J. Angell Fund 85 41  
Sidewalk Assessment Revenue 503 52  
Sewer Assessment Revenue 4385 12  
Departmental Revenue 6359 27  
Tailings 279 20  
World War Memorial 7874 25  
Boyer Trust Fund 29 23  
Mary Mynott Fund 2 17  
Fire Headquarters Sidewalk and Driveway 1200 00  
Lebanon Hill Repairs 1500 00

\$124276 21

##### Overlays Reserved for Abatements:

Levy of 1923 117 98  
Levy of 1924 2833 48

##### Departmental:

State Aid (From State) 658 00

Military Aid (From State) .....	255 00	Levy of 1925 .....	2389 14
Town Hall .....	100 00		
Ambulance .....	482 00		\$5340 60
Highway .....	69 50		
Poor Department .....	2754 27	Apportioned Sewer:	
School .....	860 50	Due 1926 .....	688 62
Cemetery .....	880 00	Due 1927 .....	145 99
Police Department .....	300 00	Due 1928 .....	18 14
Surplus War Bonus Fund and Accumulations .....	6359 27	Excess and Deficiency .....	\$852 75
			\$20867 46
Departmental Accounts	7874 25		
Tree Warden .....	15 03		
Outside Poor .....	1298 22		
Soldiers' Relief .....	7 34		
Military Aid .....	255 01		
Pensions .....	48 00		
Cemetery .....	5 31		
Eastford Road Sewer .....	3399 95		
	5028 86		
	\$151337 02		151337 02
NON REVENUE ACCOUNTS			
Cash .....	25313 80	River Street School .....	21
Loans Authorized .....	80000 00	Fillers Beds .....	25313 59
		Surface Drainage .....	80000 00

# INDEBTEDNESS

Sinking Fund .....	44360 40	Funded Debt .....	50000 00
Net Bonded Debt .....	306549 60	Serial Debt .....	300910 00
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	350910 00		\$350910 00

# TRUST FUNDS

Cash and Securities .....	63448 93	Mary Mynott Fund .....	1000 00
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds .....	61248 93
		Boyer Trust Fund .....	200 00
		Jesse J. Angell Fund .....	1000 00
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	\$63448 93		\$63448 93

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# RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1926

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

RECOMMENDATIONS for 1926	Law	1,200.00
Moderator	Town Clerk	3,200.00
Selectmen	Election and Registration	3,500.00
Accountant	Town Hall	5,000.00
Treasurer		
Tax Collector		
Assessors		

## PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police Department	28,700.00	Sealer of Weights and Measures	1,100.00
Fire Department	28,554.00	Forest Fires	800.00
Engineering Department	5,500.00	Damage to Persons and Property	500.00
Fire Warden	2,000.00		
Moth Department	500.00		
Game Warden	100.00		

## HEALTH AND SANITATION

Board of Health	10,750.00	General Cleaning	6,800.00
Sewer Maintenance	5,000.00		

## HIGHWAY

Bridges	1,200.00	Maintenance of Permanent Roads	8,000.00
Highway	20,000.00	Street Oiling	2,500.00
Snow and Ice	3,500.00	Street Lights	14,500.00
Railings	500.00		
Sidewalk Repairs	4,000.00		

## CHARITIES AND SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

Outside Poor	35,000.00	Alms-house	6,000.00
Mothers' Aid	8,000.00	Soldiers' Relief	4,000.00
		Military Aid	600.00

## EDUCATION

School	145,000.00	Library	10,000.00
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## RECREATION AND CELEBRATION

Band Concerts	350.00	Playground and Bath-houses	2,700.00
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## UNCLASSIFIED

Insurance	2,500.00	Water and Ice Supplies	1,000.00
Memorial Day	450.00	Interest	22,000.00
Care of Town Clock	50.00	Maturing Debt	44,110.00
Ambulance	500.00	Armistice Day	150.00
Cemetery	1,850.00	Annual Reports	
Pensions	832.00		

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# APPROPRIATIONS

	Balance Jan. 1, 1925	Transferred to	Appropriations	Total Credit	Unexpended Bal. Transferred to Revenue	Expenditures	Transferred From	Total Debit	Bal. on hand Dec. 1, 1925.
Moderator			\$50 00	\$50 00	\$20 00	\$30 00		\$50 00	
Selectmen			4,150 00	4,150 00	454 03	3,695 97		4,150 00	
Accountant			1,750 00	1,750 00	28 45	1,721 55		1,750 00	
Treasurer		\$35 00	1,850 00	1,885 00	48	1,884 52		1,885 00	
Tax Collector			2,550 00	2,550 00	138 55	2,411 45		2,550 00	
Assessors			5,285 00	5,285 00	27 69	5,257 31		5,285 00	
Town Clerk			1,600 00	1,600 00	1 55	1,598 45		1,600 00	
Law			600 00	600 00		600 00		600 00	
Election and Registration			2,500 00	2,500 00	203 20	2,296 80		2,500 00	
Town Hall			5,000 00	5,000 00	1 85	4,998 15		5,000 00	
Police Department			28,700 00	28,700 00	94	28,699 06		28,700 00	
Fire Department			28,634 00	28,634 00	20 28	28,613 72		28,634 00	
Engineering Department			5,500 00	5,500 00	4 82	5,495 18		5,500 00	
Sealer of Weights & Measures			1,100 00	1,100 00		1,100 00		1,100 00	
Forest Firs			800 00	800 00	229 98	570 02		800 00	
Moth Department			500 00	500 00	2 94	497 06		500 00	
Tree Warden			1,000 00	1,000 00		1,015 03		1,015 03	
Damage to Persons & Property			500 00	500 00	488 50	11 50		500 00	
Board of Health		350 00	10,850 00	11,200 00	5 50	11,194 50		11,200 00	
Sewer Maintenance		850 00	6,500 00	7,350 00	346 53	7,003 47		7,350 00	
General Cleaning			6,800 00	6,800 00	50 85	6,749 15		6,800 00	
Bridges			1,300 00	1,300 00	3 42	1,296 58		1,300 00	
Highways		500 00	15,500 00	16,000 00	398 56	14,101 44	1,500 00	16,000 00	
Sidewalk Repairs			4,000 00	4,000 00	44 56	3,955 44		4,000 00	
Maintenance of Permanent Roads			8,000 00	8,000 00	5 24	7,994 76		8,000 00	
Railings			500 00	500 00	228 18	271 82		500 00	
Oiling Street			2,500 00	2,500 00	24 20	2,475 80		2,500 00	
Street Lights			14,400 00	14,400 00	35 90	14,364 10		14,400 00	
Outside Poor		10,500 00	30,000 00	40,500 00		41,798 22		41,798 22	
Mothers' Aid			8,000 00	8,000 00	15	7,499 85	500 00	8,000 00	
Almshouse			6,000 00	6,000 00	56	5,999 44		6,000 00	
Soldiers' Relief		400 00	3,000 00	3,400 00		3,407 34		3,407 34	
Military Aid		255 00	255 00	255 00		510 01		510 01	
State Aid		658 00	658 00	658 00		658 00		658 00	
Library			8,500 00	8,500 00	35	8,499 65		8,500 00	
School		60 00	138,000 00	138,060 00	17	138,059 83		138,060 00	
Smith-Hughes Fund		1,548 95	1,548 95	1,548 95		1,548 95		1,548 95	
Boyer School Fund		72 93	72 93	72 93		43 70		72 93	29 23
Mynott Fund	7 69	45 50		53 19		51 02		53 19	2 17
Water and Ice Supply			1,000 00	1,000 00	112 58	887 42		1,000 00	
Insurance		37 50	3,100 00	3,137 50	174 26	2,963 24		3,137 50	
Ambulance			600 00	600 00	6 69	593 31		600 00	
Town Reports			605 28	605 28		605 28		605 28	
1924 Outstanding Bills		24 75	24 75	24 75		24 75		24 75	
Memorial Day			450 00	450 00		450 00		450 00	
Playgrounds		231 71	2,300 00	2,531 71		2,531 71		2,531 71	
Band Concerts			350 00	350 00		350 00		350 00	
Town Clock			100 00	100 00	36 07	63 93		100 00	
Game Warden			100 00	100 00		100 00		100 00	
Cemetery		2,323 00	1,850 00	4,173 00		4,178 31		4,178 31	
Interest		700 00	21,500 00	22,200 00	117 19	22,082 81		22,200 00	
Maturing Debts			39,410 00	39,410 00		39,410 00		39,410 00	
Dresser St. Playground			3,700 00	3,700 00		3,700 00			
Eastford Road Grading	450 00		450 00	450 00		450 00		450 00	
Eastford Road Paving			3,000 00	3,000 00		3,000 00		3,000 00	
Mill Street Paving			3,000 00	3,000 00	73 65	2,926 35		3,000 00	
Charlton Street Improvement			6,000 00	6,000 00	1 14	5,998 86		6,000 00	
Cohasse Street Extension			1,200 00	1,200 00	58 38	1,141 62		1,200 00	
Worcester & Henry Sts. Catch Basin			200 00	200 00	4 16	195 84		200 00	
Filters Beds			80,000 00	80,000 00		54,686 41			25,313 59
Eastford Road Sewer		1,512 08	4,500 00	6,012 08		9,412 03		9,412 03	
Chestnut Street Sewer		449 14	449 14	449 14		449 14		449 14	
Cohasse Street Sewer		224 22	224 22	224 22		224 22		224 22	
Hartwell Street Sewer		379 47	379 47	379 47		379 47		379 47	
Hartwell Street Sidewalk			2,000 00	2,000 00	8 80	1,991 20		2,000 00	
Marcy Street Sidewalk			4,000 00	4,000 00	226 44	3,773 56		4,000 00	
Goddard Street Sidewalk		97 75	900 00	997 75		997 75		997 75	
Sayles Street Sidewalk		1,049 15	600 00	1,649 15		1,649 15		1,649 15	
Dakes Ave. Sidewalk		223 80	1,100 00	1,323 80		1,323 80		1,323 80	
Flower Street Sidewalk			4,000 00	4,000 00	59 08	2,570 22	1,370 70	4,000 00	
Pleasant Street Sidewalk			1,500 00	1,500 00	9 77	1,490 23		1,500 00	
Snow and Ice			3,000 00	3,000 00	498 37	2,501 63		3,000 00	
Pensions			512 00	512 00		560 00		560 00	
Parks			300 00	300 00	80 29	219 71		300 00	
New Fire Pump			7,000 00	7,000 00	102 75	6,897 25		7,000 00	
Steam Roller Repairs			500 00	500 00			500 00	500 00	
Everett Street Paving		53 38	53 38	53 38		53 38		53 38	
Fire Dept. Sidewalk and Drive- way		1,200 00	1,200 00	1,200 00				1,200 00	1,200 00
Lebanon Hill Repairs		1,500 00	1,500 00	1,500 00				1,500 00	1,500 00
River Street School	21			21				21	21

Accountant.  
VALMORE P. TETREAU, L.





## REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN

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To The Voters of Southbridge:

We respectfully submit to you the report of our activities for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1925. We hope it will meet with your approval.

1925 has certainly been a year of exceptional importance, by the number and the complexity of the problems which we have had to solve. We have tried to solve them to the best of our knowledge and ability, having always in mind the best interests of the community as a whole.

The most perplexing of those problems was the question of transportation by busses, a question which kept the public mind in a turmoil. We think our decision in that matter has satisfied a great majority of the citizens.

Without ever thinking of commercializing the Lord's day, by granting permits for Sunday movies, we did try to help different charitable organizations to keep up their membership, menaced by the hard times, which have prevailed during the year. We were misunderstood, and the numerous protests from the clergy of different denominations made us abandon what, in our mind, was not detrimental to the observance of Sunday.

The regulation of traffic was next a question, the importance of which is obvious. We made rules and regulations

which have, in our opinion, made travel through the main streets of the town, less dangerous and helped the merchants to transact their business. For the same reasons of safety, we made Chapin street Street a one-way street and we are satisfied this has worked very well.

A condition of danger existed at the corner of Charlton and Worcester Streets, accidents of a very grave nature had occurred at that point. We had a beacon light installed at the intersection of those two streets. This has at least lessened the dangers of one of the worst corners in town.

In accordance with a vote which appropriated money for the same, we had extensive repairs made in Town Hall Building. These repairs were badly needed, and you can judge by yourselves of the good they have done. The curtain of the stage gives a new air to the entire hall.

With the help of the Engineering Department we have started a new course in the repairing on streets, by grading them so there will never be any need of regrading them in the future. Goddard and Sayles Streets were fixed so as to meet these requirements.

The Public Utilities Commission having granted the Telephone Company its request for advanced rates, we had to meet that advance some way. The Company offered us two options. One was for us to get a certain number of free instruments for the use of town officials, and to have to pay full price for all the other departments; the other was not to get any free instruments, but get 33-1-3% off on all charges to the Town. After due consideration we chose the second option and saved quite an amount to the Town.

Recognizing the absolute impossibility for us or for any

board to have laws observed without an up-to-date set of by-laws, we tried our best to get a report from a committee, appointed some ten years ago, and had an article in the warrant of a special Town Meeting, asking for such a report. It was not given, but we got the promise of one for this spring meeting. We cannot emphasize too much the importance of getting those by-laws adopted and recorded at the earliest possible moment.

We recommend, in order to abolish one of the worst and most dangerous curves in town, that a piece of land at the corner of Charlton and Worcester Street be purchased, as staked out by the Engineering Department. An article has been inserted in the Town Warrant to that effect.

We recommend that a more powerful light be installed at the corner of Main and Mechanic Streets, near the railroad bridge. This is a very dangerous corner and not sufficiently lighted.

We recommend, to continue repairs in Town Hall, that a new floor be laid and an appropriate ventilation system be installed.

We recommend the building of two short pieces of road on Pleasant and River Streets.

We recommend the appropriation of money to build the North Woodstock Road to the Connecticut line.

We are proud of our Fire Department, we have the utmost confidence in its Chief Engineer, and the whole board, and we are glad to recommend the project of an addition to the Fire Station, as requested by the Board of Engineers.

Our Police Force, unhampered by official red tape, certainly deserves commendation for the excellent work it has done, under the direction of its Chief.

Economy is a virtue, and we believe in it. We would like to see the tax rate lowered, but we believe the things we hereby recommend are necessary for the well functioning of the different departments and the well-being of the citizens of the Town.

There are of course a great many other things of less importance which we could recommend, but we will leave those for the next board to study and recommend in the future.

We might, and we must have made mistakes, but be assured we were prompted in all our decisions for the general welfare of the community.

(Signed)

JOSEPH LAFLECHE, 2nd,  
F. A. SANSOUCY,  
JOS. G. E. PAGE,

Selectmen.



## REPORT OF TOWN ENGINEER

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen :

The Engineering Department making its second annual report, respectfully calls to your attention an inventory of equipment, outline of work accomplished during the past year and a list of recommendations looking to improvements and the general welfare.

Our first attention was given the articles of the Town Warrant, which had to do with outside construction or the acceptance of streets. Of the forty one articles voted on at the 1925 Town Meeting, this office made estimates or plans for twenty three. We are calling this to your attention, not because of the work involved, but to emphasize the short length of time allowed for preparation of estimates covering so many different needs.

Preliminary plans were prepared for the construction of a bituminous macadam road on Charlton Street and for cement concrete roadways on Mill Street and Eastford Road. Your decision to do this work by day labor was well advised. On Charlton Street, in addition to building the specified length of roadway, further improvements were added by the construction of three catch basins and about eight hundred lineal feet of twelve inch surface water sewer. On Mill Street and Eastford Road the day labor system of construction resulted in building one third more surface area than would have been possible, had the work been let out to contract. The construction of Cohasse Street extension was also

turned over to this office. We appreciate the expression of satisfaction we have received from the abutters.

Plans and specifications were prepared for sidewalk construction. The program was extensive and surpassed the efforts of communities twice our size. Your decision to let this work out to contract was based as you were advised, on the keen competition which would result. This competition would have been lacking in the matter of road work.

At the appointed time the bids were received, publicly opened and read. Frank E. Nichols was the low bidder and having furnished a satisfactory bond, was awarded the contract. Work was started immediately and was carried through to a successful completion and the last payment on November sixteenth nineteen hundred twenty five.

During the course of this sidewalk contract it would have been much easier for us to have followed the grades as we found them. On Goddard Court it was deemed advisable to lower the grade. Now that the work is done the benefit is most apparent. The same was true of Sayles Street, and we are sure the residents along this portion of the street appreciate the change.

A report on the sidewalk construction of last year would not be complete without calling to your attention the generosity of Mr. Felix Gatineau and of Mrs. and Mr. Jack Caplovich, who freely gave of their respective plots of land, so that the awkward angle on Goddard Court was smoothed out and traffic conditions greatly improved. In our opinion it would seem commendable if a portion of each sidewalk assessment were abated.

The Assessment lists together with the necessary form have been prepared by this office and are ready for mailing.



Grades and lines were given for the construction of new sewer mains in Chestnut and Hartwell Streets and Eastford Road, also on the low level line within the boundaries of the American Optical Company along East Main Street. Following the advice of this office the Town voted to substitute cast iron pipe for the akron pipe in use. An inspection of this main as relaid, shows results which wholly justify the changes. In our opinion it would be well to investigate the condition of the low level sewer along Mechanics Street with a view to changing from akron pipe to cast iron pipe.

Grades and lines were given on the Dresser Street Playgrounds. The Park Commissioners also directed that this office proceed with the work on a day labor basis. For the money spent more was accomplished than in previous years. A large appropriation for the completion of this work should commend itself to the voters. The boys and girls of the Town need a public recreation and athletic field, a place where they can develop that prowess necessary to compete favorably with boys and girls of other communities.

We prepared plans and estimates for the construction of a surface water sewer on Worcester Street, Olney Avenue, Thomas Street and Charlton Street. It was our intention to divert the brook now running through private property in to this sewer. Abutters in the area to be benefited objected to the method of assessment and therefore nothing further has been done.

This office realizing the necessity of suitable street signs made an effort to start a system covering this need. The signs which we have placed in the business district seem to be acceptable. It would seem advisable to continue placing similar signs at the intersection of all the streets leading from Main, Hamilton, Worcester and Mechanics Streets. A different

style of sign might be more appropriate in other sections of the Town. The signs which have been placed on Main Street were paid for out of this department's appropriation and were placed in position by men from Fire Headquarters.

A detailed sectional map of the area bounded easterly Elm Street, southerly by Durfee Street, westerly by Prospect Street and northerly by Hartwell Street, has been compiled for the use of the Assessors.

We are pleased to report that a large number of people have called for the aluminum house numbers which this office furnishes free of charge. We feel that this cooperatiton will continue and we are ready to continue the custom of free numbers and the assignment of them.

The traffic paint used in directing and controlling traffic was bought and paid for by this office. It was applied by the men from Fire Headquarters.

As a means of furthering public safety we have painted some of the poles along heavily travelled streets and at dark and dangerous corners. The labor of painting as well as the purchase of the paint was borne by this office.

The major portion of our time has been spent on the construction of new filter beds for the disposal of sewage. In town meeting the sum of \$80,000.00 was appropriated for this work. The work included the completion of a project submitted in the latter part of 1907, with the addition of two new beds near the Quinebaug River, the renovation of six of the old beds, and the possible improvement of the settling tanks.

Actual work was started during the week of June 20th 1925. Excellent progress was made in spite of the fact that

very hard digging and water was encountered in three of the beds. In one of the beds the character of the excavation was such, that, it became necessary to use about two tons of dynamite. By October 30th we had completed the excavation and the building of the banks, and the greater part of the bank along the River had been riprapped. The most difficult half of the work had been completed and the beds were ready for sand. Up to this time about \$28,000.00 had been spent.

In 1924, during the preliminary investigation of the proposed work, the writer, in company with Mr. Clarke, chief chemist, and Mr. Wright, first assistant engineer of the State Department of Public Health, took samples of sand from the bank of the Southbridge Printing Company, and from the bank of the American Optical Company, adjoining St. Mary's Cemetery. The latter bank being under lease to J. A. Genereux. Tests of these samples revealed satisfactory sand.

The principal item necessary to the completion of our work, now, was the placing of about 20,000 cubic yards of sand in the beds. This should have been done for the sum of \$30,000.00. This office was somewhat enthusiastic, since we expected to finish all the required program for about \$65,000.00. The balance of the appropriation would allow us to improve the settling tanks and to remove a sand bar, which had formed in the Quinebaug River, between the main outlet to the beds and the bridge.

Since in our opinion the sand of the Southbridge Printing Company was the best sand in the locality, we, naturally, turned to the owners expecting hearty co-operation in carrying on the project so vital to the Town. The Treasurer of the Southbridge Printing Company refused to sell the sand to the Town. The price submitted for sand from the other bank from which the above mentioned samples were taken, was too high, in

our opinion. We therefore turned our attention to other sites. Tests disclosed an acceptable sand on the farm of Thomas W. Blackmer, in West Dudley. This bank was about one and one-half miles from the beds.

After removing 4800 cubic yards from this bank, we encountered boulders and a very high per cent. of stone content. It became necessary to move. The price of ten cents per cubic yard was paid for this sand, with the understanding that the fences be replaced and the pits left in good condition. About this time the sewer commissioners deemed it advisable to enter into contract with Mederic Duhamel for the purchase of his sand. This bank was highly stratified, and, while one of the stratum presented excellent material, the greater volume of the sand was of extremely fine texture. It finally became necessary to stop using this sand after 10,156 cubic yards had been taken. This bank was four and one-half miles from the beds and the price of ten cents per cubic yard was paid. Further consideration was now given to the bank under lease to J. A. Genereux, but this bank now having been opened to a greater extent than in 1924, showed a very high stone content, and therefore unavailable.

Again, we turned to the bank of the Southbridge Printing Company, and after some delay, a contract between the Trustees of this Company and the Town of Southbridge was made. The delay mentioned was caused only because we must wait for signatures to come from New York. This contract expires June 1, 1926. The excellence of the material obtained from this bank is unquestioned. The bank is located less than a mile from the beds. Had we been allowed to purchase this sand in the beginning, it would have saved at least \$10,000.00 to the Town of Southbridge. At the time of stopping work for the winter, January 30th, 1926, we had taken 5107 cubic yards. The price of Twenty five cents per cubic yard was



paid to the Southbridge Printing Company's Trustees, and in addition to this we were compelled to pay ten cents per cubic yard, as a bonus, to J. A. Genereux. Making the total thirty five cents per cubic yard for sand alone.

The total expenditures up to February 1, 1926, amount to \$65,749.02, leaving a balance of \$14,250.98 to complete the work. Extreme precaution and a change of policy must be observed if the proposed program is to be carried through to completion with the amount of money on hand.

The following recommendations are made with the hope that they will appeal favorably to you and to the voters at large. Many of last year's suggestions have become realities, others passed over at that time will be found again in the following list.

Therefore I suggest:

1. A cement concrete pavement on Main Street, starting at its junction with South Street and extending westerly to Hamilton Street. Constructed full width with a curb on the southerly side.
2. A bituminous macadam road on Goddard Court from Main Street extending southerly to Dresser Street.
3. The elimination of the blind corner at the junction of Worcester and Charlton Streets, following the lines as staked by this office. A verbal agreement as to the purchase price of this land has been made between the owner and this office. Favorable action on this suggestion would seem well advised.
4. A cement concrete pavement on Mill Street extending from the northerly end of the present pavement northerly

about 350 feet.

5. A cement concrete sidewalk on the southerly side of Hartwell Street, extending westerly from the westerly end of the present walk to Prospect Street.

6. A 6" or 8" sewer main on Park Avenue and Woodland Street, as further investigation may deem advisable.

7. A concrete curb and gutter on High Street from Main to South, east side.

8. A concrete curb and gutter on the westerly side of Everett Street, from Main to Summer.

9. A concrete curb and gutter on the westerly side of Coombs Street, from Main Street to Oak Ridge Cemetery.

10. A flashing beacon at the intersection of Main and Hamilton Streets.

11. Continuation of the policy of placing substantial and highly visible street signs throughout the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS F. McGOVERN,  
Town Engineer.

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Inventory Engineering Department January 1, 1926.

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Equipment .....	\$225.00
Transit .....	300.00
Typewriter (Royal) .....	95.00
Desk .....	65.00
Supplies .....	40.00
Plan File .....	45.00
Letter File .....	44.00
Street Record Book .....	250.00
Ford Roadster .....	100.00
Aluminum House Numbers .....	20.00
Tools, Wheelbarrow .....	10.00
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Total .....	\$1194.00



## REPORT OF FIRE ENGINEERS

The Board of Fire Engineers report for year ending December 31st 1925 will show the names of members of the department inventory, number of fires we responded to, value of property endangered where losses occurred, etc. Dates and locations of fires, recommendations we believe necessary for the ensuing year. Balance from last year \$20.00.

### NUMBER OF ALARMS

We responded to 209 Alarms, 196 Stills and 13 Whistles

### VALUE OF PROPERTY LOSS, ETC.

Value of Buildings .....	\$828,700.00
Loss on Buildings .....	9,342.44
Insurance on Buildings .....	776,400.00
Insurance Paid on Buildings .....	7,405.00
Value of Contents .....	190,000.00
Loss on Contents .....	8,237.82
Insurance on Contents .....	96,900.00
Insurance Paid on Contents .....	8,087.00

### DATE AND LOCATION OF FIRES

January 2nd—Still alarm at 8:30 a. m. Dwelling house at 105 Hamilton Street. Owned by Dr. F. H. Olin. Defective Fire Place. Insured.

January 11th—Still alarm at 2:50 p.m. Tenement house at Cross Street. Owned by Joseph Benoit. Looking for gas leak with matches. Insured.

January 11th—Box 37 at 9:55 p. m. Tenement house at 19 Goddard Court. Owned by Solomon Labonte. Spontaneous Combustion. Insured.

January 17th—Box 36 at 7:55 p. m. Grain elevator at Hook Street. Owned by Morse Brothers. Over heated stove. Insured.

January 23rd—Box 64 at 12:40 p. m. Tenement at Buckley Street. Owned by Oliver Liverhois. Defective chimney. Insured.

January 23rd—Box 45 at 2:30 p. m. Tenement at Charlton Street. Owned by Maurice Capistran. Spontaneous Combustion. Insured.

January 24th—Still alarm at 9:05 p. m. Tenement at 87 Brick Row. Owned by Hamilton Woolen Co. Overheated chimney. Insured.

January 28th—Box 25 at 2:19 p. m. Box shop at Railroad Avenue. Owned by E. G. Walker. Overheated pipe. Insured.

March 16th—Box 46 at 12:56 p. m. Rooming house at corner North and Mechanic Streets. Owned by American Optical Co. Spark from chimney. Insured.

March 18th—Box 28 at 12:35 p. m. Garage at Chester Street. Owned by A. Lenti. Overheated Furnace. Insured.

March 27th—Box 41 at 1:20 a. m. Store and dwelling at 40 East Main Street. Owned by Southern New England R. R. Careless use of matches. Insured.

May 24th—Box 25 at 12:10 a. m. Store and dwelling at 334 Hamilton Street. Owned by Joseph Benoit. Cigarette. Insured.

June 11th—Still alarm at 8:15 p. m. Stores and hall at 292 and 296 Hamilton Street. Owned by C. T. A. Spontaneous Combustion. Insured.

June 22th—Box 38 at 6:50 p. m. Store and tenements at 69 Elm Street. Owned by Leo Favreau. Careless use of matches. Insured.

June 30th—Still alarm at 6:50 p. m. Tenements at 13 Henry Street. Owned by Paul Beauregard. Spontaneous combustion. Insured.

August 1st—Still alarm at 3:45 p. m. Dwelling at 21 Spring Street. Owned by Albert F. Miller. Careless use of matches. Insured.

August 3rd—Still alarm at 8:40 p. m. Dwelling at 21 Spring Street. Owned by Albert F. Miller. Careless use of matches. Insured.

August 26th—Still alarm at 9:55 a. m. Tenement at Wardwell Court. Owned by James K. Egen. Spark from chimney. Insured.

September 23rd—Still alarm at 11:55 a. m. Dwelling at Clemence Hill. Owned by G. H. Clemence. Spark from chimney. Insured.

October 1st—Still alarm at 12:03 p. m. Garage at 5 Bowlen Avenue. Owned by Noe Ethier. Cigarette. Insured.

October 12th—Still alarm at 11:40 a. m. Bottling Works at Central Street. Owned by Laverdiere and Denate. Overheated stove. Insured.

November 12th—Box 34 at 9:57 a. m. Tenements, stores, printing and offices. Owned by Walter Gay. Overheated stove. Insured.

November 14th—Still alarm at 9:40 p. m. Dwelling Lebanon hill. Owned by Edward Staves. Spark from chimney. Insured.

November 19th—Still alarm at 5:55 a. m. Dwelling, Spring Street. Owned by Louis Liolion. Careless use of matches. Insured.

December 11th—Still alarm at 7:15 p. m. Dwelling 251 Elm Street. Owned by Mary Dandridge. Overheated chimney. Insured.

December 12th—Still alarm at 6:05 p. m. Dwelling 177 Hamilton Street. Owned by Jerome Harrington. Overheated oil stove. Insured.

December 22nd—Box 36 at 4:20 p. m. Factory Foster Street owned by Hamilton Woolen Company. Caused by spark in picker. Insured.

The Board of Fire Engineers in submitting their report for the year 1925 wish to call to the attention of the citizens the congested condition which now exists at the Elm Street station.

The recent purchase of the combination pump which add-

ed to our equipment, combined with the presence of the ambulance in the station has taken all available floor space. As a result of this congested condition, the major portion of repair work and all washing of apparatus must be done outside the building. This it can readily be seen is very inconvenient, especially so during the winter months of the year.

To remedy this condition and to provide adequate floor space for the department we recommend that an addition to the present building be erected.

We also recommend the installation of five new hydrants.

We recommend an appropriation of \$28,554.00.

We wish to thank the citizens for their loyal support and the firemen for obedience and good work.

JOSEPH E. DUCHENEAU, Chief.  
 GEORGE W. LAUGHNANE,  
 LOUIS LAMOTHE,  
 WILLARD J. CLAFLIN,  
 JOHN J. HOGAN, Clerk.

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JANUARY 1, 1926

Inventory of Southbridge Fire Department

Two fire stations .....	\$65,000.00
Fire apparatus .....	35,200.00
Fire department supplies .....	8,815.00
Gamewell fire alarm system .....	7,820.00
House furniture and furnishings .....	1,509.00
Extra tools .....	295.00
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	\$118,639.00

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REPORT OF CHIEF ENGINEER

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Permits to keep and sell explosives and maintain garages:

Fire Works .....	24
High Explosives .....	14
Maintain Garages .....	135

## INSPECTIONS

Hotels and Boarding Houses .....	14
Tenement Houses .....	530
Garages .....	135

JOSEPH E. DUCHENEAU,  
Chief.





## REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN

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In my report for this year I am pleased to record that there were but 12 forest fires, about a third of the total number last year. This is due in part to the co-operatiton and strict adherence to fire regulations by the residents of the town.

The forest fire department assures the townspeople that it will do all possible to prevent forest fires.

The balance from last year is \$299.98.

I recommend an appropriation of \$800.

I thank the people for their good will and ask their co-operation during the coming year that forest fires in this vicinity will be prevented as much as possible.

JOSEPH E. DUCHENEAU,

Forest Fire Warden.

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### Inventory of Forest Fire Department

One Ford Truck .....	\$700.00
Twenty 2 1-3 Gallon Hand Extinguishers .....	260.00
Six 10 Gallon Water Cans .....	30.00
Three 10 Gallon Water Cans .....	4.00
Ffteen brooms .....	12.00
Twenty Hoes .....	12.00

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Fifteen 10 Quart Pails .....	7.50
Twenty Bottles for Extinguishers .....	2.00
One Set of Tools .....	5.00
One 32x4 1-2 Tire .....	22.00
One 30x3 1-2 Tire .....	10.00
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	\$1064.50

## REPORT OF AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT

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In rendering the report of the ambulance department for the year 1925, I will say that the appropriation for last year was \$600 and the balance left was \$8.19. During the year the ambulance was overhauled and painted. The total number of trips made was 85.

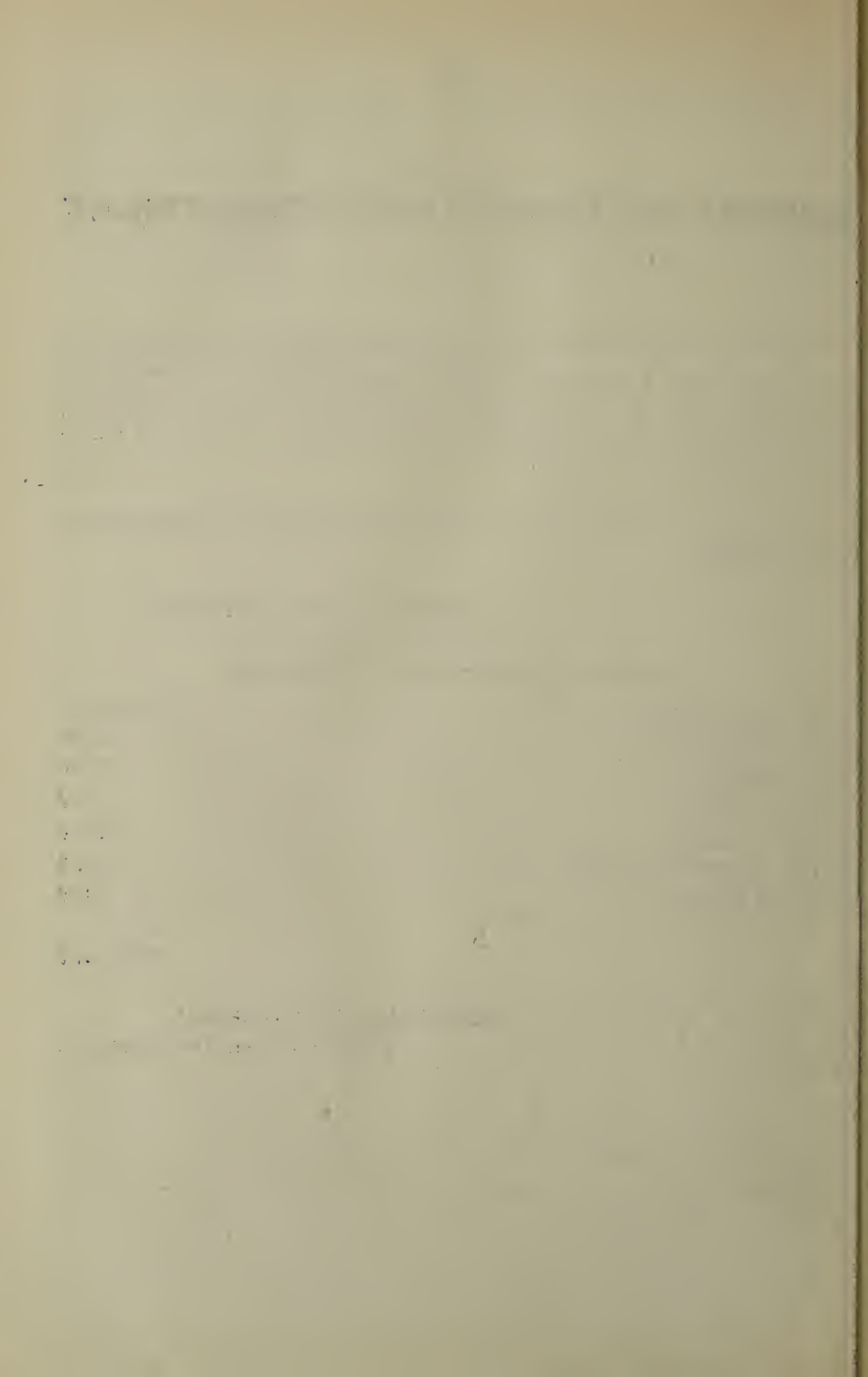
For the coming year I would recommend an appropriation of \$500.

JOSEPH E. DUCHENEAU.

### Inventory of Ambulance Department

One ambulance . . . . .	\$5,000.00
Two Spare Tires . . . . .	50.00
Six Blankets . . . . .	12.00
Three Pillows . . . . .	3.00
Twelve Sheets . . . . .	15.00
Eighteen Pillow Cases . . . . .	12.00
Twelve Towels . . . . .	6.00
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	\$5092.00

JOSEPH E. DUCHENEAU,  
Chief of Fire Department.



## REPORT OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen of Southbridge:

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith for your consideration my report for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1925. The organization of the Police Department at the close of the fiscal year was as follows:

### PATROLMEN

Pierre A. Cormier	Alfred Tetreault
Patrick Donnelly	Alfred Lariviere
Joseph Paquin	Ernest Fiero
Ovila Martin	Moses Beaudry
Joseph Morin	Martin Brennan
Arthur Murphy	Carl Corriveau, Sub.
Felix W. Lusignan	

### JANITOR AND ASSISTANT LOCKUP KEEPER

Louis Peloquin

### CONSTABLES

Ulric Brault	Patrick Donnelly	Andrews Higgins
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Duties performed by the Police Department during the year expiring December 31, 1925. Total number of arrest 466; Males 445; Females 21; Minors 57; Residents 325; Non-Residents 141.

## OFFENCES

Drunkness 131; Violations of Motor Vehicle Laws 86; Disturbing the peace 34; Violations of Liquor Laws 29; Non-Support 27; Gaming 27; Assault and Battery 23; Larceny 22; Assault with a Dangerous Weapon 1; Peddling without a License 5; Illgitimate Children 5; Keeping Unlicensed Dogs 6; Selling Mortgage Property 2; Vagrant 4; Violations of Fish and Game Laws 5; Assault with Intent to Murder 1; Accosting 3; Attempt to Commit Larceny 2; Prostitute 1; Common Nuisance 4; Held for Outside Police 17; Delinquent Children 2; Stolen Goods in Possession 2; Breaking and Entering 4; Rape 1; Lewdness and Cohabitation 4; Receiving Proceeds from Prostitute 1; Perjury 1; Common Drunk 2; Destroying Property 1; Violating Order of the Court 3; Stubborn Children 5; Soliciting Passengers 1; Insane 5; Malicious Mischief 5; Cruelty to Animals 2; Carrying a Revolver without Permit 3; Neglecting Children 7.

## DISPOSITION OF COURT CASES

Fined 146; Committed to the House of Correction 29; Giving suspended sentences 52; Probation 35; File 60; Releases 55; Discharged 10; Committed to Worcester State Hospital 5; Return to outside police 17; Held for Grand Jury 7; Committed to the Department of Public Welfare at Boston 4; Defaulted 3; Fined and Appealed 17; Committed to House of Correction and Appealed 9; Sentenced to State Farm 10; Taken to Home of Good Shepherd at Springfield 4; Committed to Lyman School 1; Committed to Shirley School 1; Nol-Pross 1.

## OCCUPATION

Laborers 203; No position 51; Chauffeurs 29; Farmers 33; Mill-Hands 13; Carpenters 10; Clerks 14; House wife 12; House keeper 3; Salesmen 4; Electricians 4; Glass workers 5;

Knife makers 4; Cigar makers 2; Merchants 19; Mechanics 10; Inn keeper 4; Barbers 5; Painters 12; Tailors 2; Peddlers 5; Contractors 1; At School 8; Shoe Workers 2; Foreman 1; Cooks 3; Firemen 4; Printers 3; Jeweler 1.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Number of operators of motor vehicles licenses recommended suspended by Chief and suspended 39; Registration of motor vehicles recommended suspended by Chief and suspended 7; Goods stolen and recovered \$2458.00; Goods stolen not recovered \$235.00; Motor vehicles stolen and recovered 4; Goods lost and recovered \$560.00; Doors found open by officers 68; Bicycles stolen and recovered 6; Lost animals recovered 9; Dogs killed 23; Cats killed 9; Defective places in the Streets reported 5; Attendance of officers at dance hall 57; Accidents investigated 218; Injured and sick persons assisted 19; Lost children returned to parents 7; Messages delivered 19; Cases of destitution investigated 16.

In conclusion it is with pleasure that I extend in behalf of the Police Department and myself to the Honorable Board of Selectmen and other town officials, our most sincere thanks for their kindly consideration during the past year, and trust that the accomplishment of the department have been such as to repay them for their interest.

Respectfully submitted,

ULRIC BRAULT,  
Chief of Police.

Southbridge, Mass. December 31, 1925.



## REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

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To the Citizens of Southbridge:

I respectfully submit my report from November 30, 1924  
to November 30, 1925.

Adjusted platform scales over 5000 pounds . . . . .	4
Sealed platform scales over 5000 pounds . . . . .	8
Condemned platform scales under 5000 pounds . . . . .	0
Adjusted platform scales under 5000 pounds . . . . .	3
Sealed platform scales under 5000 pounds . . . . .	129
Non sealed platform scales under 5000 pounds . . . . .	4
Condemned platform scales under 5000 pounds . . . . .	1
Sealed slot weighing scale . . . . .	9
All other scales adjusted . . . . .	10
All other scales sealed . . . . .	293
All other scales condemned . . . . .	13
Number of weights adjusted . . . . .	16
Number of weights sealed . . . . .	1025
Number of weights condemned . . . . .	8
Number liquid measures sealed . . . . .	103
Number linear measures sealed . . . . .	51
Number linear measures condemned . . . . .	3
Oil and molasses pumps sealed . . . . .	28
Oil and molasses pumps condemned . . . . .	2
Gasoline pumps sealed . . . . .	43
Articles tested, adjusted, sealed and condemned . . . . .	1965
Inspection of Hawkers and Peddlers . . . . .	20

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Inspection of Milk Wagons .....	10
Inspection of Ice Dealers .....	11
Inspection of Junk Dealers .....	3
Inspection of Ice Wagons .....	49
Inspection of Wagon and Truck Scales .....	13
Inspection of Paper Cartons .....	0
Inspection of Baled Hay .....	30
Inspection of Flour in Bags .....	54
Inspection of Butter in Print .....	133
Inspection of Dry Commodities .....	196
Inspection of Provisions .....	216
Inspection of Bread .....	374
Inspection of Milk Jars .....	285
Inspection of Gasoline Pumps .....	43
Inspection of Marked Food Packages .....	1060
Total of Inspections .....	2453

During the last year satisfactory arrangements have been made with the McKinstry Ice Co. to use their Truck Scale situated on Dupaul Street, and with George Clemence to use his truck scale situated at the corner of Pleasant and River Streets. The two scales are properly situated for the use of the Public.

The Standard cabinet and Sealers' supplies insured for \$1600 will expire in 1930.

Some incorrect scales have been seized and condemned during the past year and are held at the Sealer's office.

The police department is very vigilant to protect the public against hawkers and peddlers who undertake to sell without a license. During the past year several were arrested and paid a fine.

During the last year the fees from Hawkers and Peddlers produced \$265.00 to the benefit of the Town.

The Sealer's fees collected during the last year and paid to the treasurer amount to \$165.23.

The inventory of the Sealer's department which was done on Dec. 8th. by the former sealers Fred G. Adams, Eugene Gabree and the town sealer, has given the amount of \$1419.73 of which a copy has been returned to the Director of Standards and the Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

FELIX GATINEAU,  
Sealer.

## REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

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To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Southbridge:

I herewith present my report for the year ending January 1, 1926:

The work of this department has consisted mainly of the removal of dead and dangerous trees and the cutting out of broken and decayed branches wherever needed most for the public safety.

While it has been necessary to bolt several weak crotches in a few trees I have not as yet attempted any systematic pruning or repair work but am in hopes the coming year to be able to do so and at the close of the year's report a vast improvement in the general condition of the town shade trees.

I wish to recommend and call to the attention of the citizens the urgent necessity that some effort be made in the coming year to plant shade trees to take the place of those that had to be removed.

During the past two years thirty one large shade trees have been cut down adjacent to our highways and it would be a move for the better to start planting now with a three-fold objective in view, the replacing of the ones that have been removed, the natural additional beauty and shade it would give to our highways but most important that we might hand them down to the coming generations.

I am respectfully yours,

W. A. DOUCETTE,  
Tree Warden.

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## REPORT OF TOWN FORESTRY COMMITTEE

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To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

The Town Forestry Committee has secured an option on a 76 acre tract of land which the Committee considers suitably located and adapted for the establishment of a Town forest.

The tract, through which passes the old Hatchet Hill road, is conveniently located at the upper end of West Street, and it may be purchased for the sum of \$3000. The Committee has already received a standing offer of \$2500 for the growing timber. The greater part of the site is heavily wooded and is valued by lumbermen to be in excess of this figure.

The purchase of this property by the Town would insure sufficient fuel for the use of the Department of Public Welfare for many years hence, in addition to placing Southbridge with the 165 other Massachusetts cities and towns that have and are establishing Town forests.

The Committee recommends the purchase of the above mentioned tract of land for the establishment of a Town forest.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE S. POTTER, Chairman.

OSWALD LALIBERTE

SAMUEL L. IDE,

Town Forestry Committee.

## REPORT OF PARK COMMISSIONERS

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To the Citizen of the Town of Southbridge:

A total of 4,000 cubic yards of gravel was used during the last year to finish the filling of the Dresser Street Playground. We were fortunate in getting that much filling done with the very small appropriation given us on account of getting access to a good gravel bank but a short distance from the grounds with good hauling roads and also the use of a steam shovel.

A diamond was graded and rolled so that from July to November the same was in use very good day and evening.

A back stop was also built which was badly needed.

This year we will need about 2,000 cubic yards of loam and this should be all seeded early. A quarter mile cinder track should be built and also a wading pool about 18" deep should also be made for the smaller children to use.

For this work an appropriation of \$8,000.00 will be necessary. The sooner the correct amount is given to the Park Commissioners, the sooner the Citizens will enjoy their Park and also be well proud of it.



The Spanish War Monuments and Reindeau Park were well taken care of during the Summer months for the Regular Appropriation made for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM C. LUNAN, Chairman,  
HECTOR M. LECLAIR, Secretary,  
GEORGE W. SILK,

Park Commissioners.



## REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

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Vital Statistics for the year ending December 31, 1925.

Number of marriages .....	149
Number of deaths .....	169
Number of births .....	350

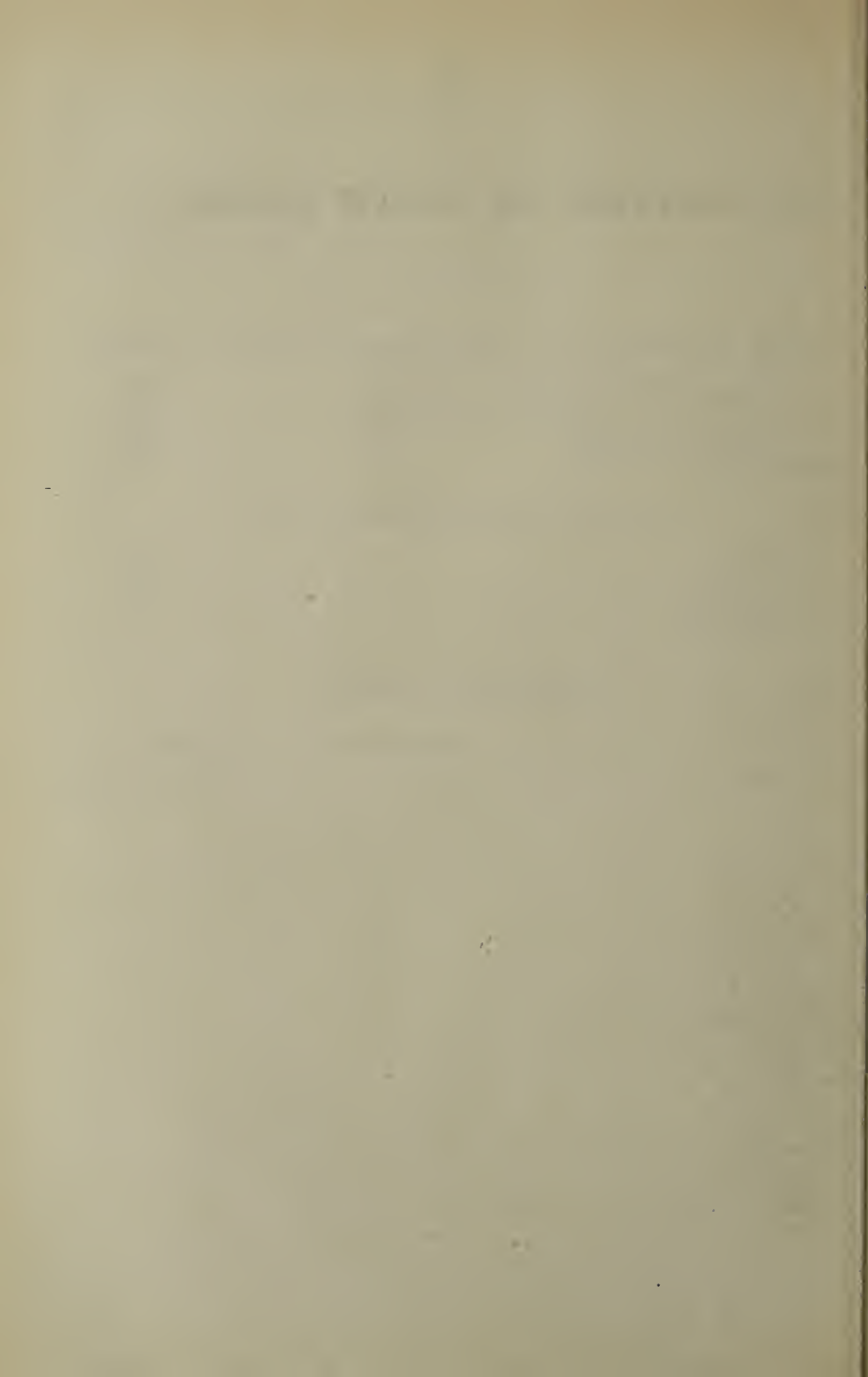
Number of dogs licensed in 1925.

Males .....	523
Females .....	103
Breeders .....	2

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM W. BUCKLEY,

Town Clerk.



## REPORT OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS

The Board of Assessors submit the following report for the year ending Dec. 31, 1925:

### Appropriations Voted for

Town Purposes .....	\$484296 28
State Tax .....	31440 00
State Highway Tax .....	776 97
Auditing Municipal Ac- counts .....	425 91
County Tax .....	20859 00
Over Lay .....	3394 21

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Total Appropriations .....	\$541192 37
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Transferred from E. & D.

Account by vote of Town	\$20000 00
Estimated Revenue .....	101923 13

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\$121923 13

Total amount to be raised

by taxes for year 1925 \$419269 24

Valuation Real Estate

April 1, 1925 ..... 8209330 00

Tax on Real Estate ..... \$275833 51

Valuation Personal ..... 3998330 00

Tax on Personal ..... \$134343 73

Polls 4546 @ \$2.00 each ..... 9092 00

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Total Taxes assessed April

1st, 1925 ..... \$419269 24

Total Valuation April 1st,

1925 ..... \$12207660 00..

Sewer Apportionments and Interest Assessed April 1st, 1925 .....	\$781 02
Sidewalk Assessments and Interest Assessed Apr. 1st, 1925 .....	\$1575 87
Total Warrants to Collec- tor, Aug. 26, 1925 .....	\$421626 13

#### ADDITIONAL ASSESSMENT DEC. 20, 1925

Valuation Real Estate ...	\$11170 00
Tax on Real Estate .....	\$375 31
Polls 2 @ \$2.00 each .....	4 00
Warrant to Collector, De- cember 20, 1925 .....	\$379 31
Total of Warrants to Tax Collector for 1925 ...	\$422005 44
Total Assessed Valuation Dec. 31, 1925 .....	\$12218830 00
Rate of Tax per Thousand	\$33 60

#### VALUATION OF EXEMPTED PROPERTY

Church and Schools .....	\$602800 00
U. S. P. O. Land .....	18000 00
Town Property .....	1164435 00
Total of Exempted Prop'ty	\$1785235 00

PHILIAS F. X. Casavant,  
WILLIAM H. McGILPIN,  
BENONIE A. BOUCHARD,  
Board of Assessors.

# REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES

To the Citizens of Southbridge :

## 1925 TAXES

Assessors' Warrant Real,		
Personal & Poll	\$419,269	24
December Commitment	379	31
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	\$419,648	87
Over Payment		.32
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		\$419,648 87
Collected to December		
31, 1925	\$362,479	79
Abatements	1,005	07
Outstanding December		
31, 1925	56,164	01
		\$419,648 87
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## 1924 TAXES

Real, Personal & Poll		
outstanding Jan. 1,		
1925		\$44,233 92
Collected to December		
31, 1925	\$29,013	30
Abatements	688	35
Tax Titles	12	00
Outstanding December		
31, 1925	14,520	27
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		\$44,233 92
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## 1923 TAXES

Real & Personal out- standing Jan. 1, 1925		\$9,448 71
Collected to December 31, 1925	\$9,240 54	
Abatements	190 19	
Outstanding December 31, 1925	117 98	
		<u>\$9,548 71</u>

## 1922 TAXES

Real & Personal out- sanding January 1, 1925		\$224 96
Collected to December 31, 1925	\$212 80	
Abatement	12 16	
		<u>\$224 96</u>

## SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS 1925

Outstanding January 1, 1925		\$1,674 23
Additional Commitment		650 35
Committed interest		65 54
		<u>\$2,390 12</u>
Collected to December 31, 1925	\$1,882 54	
Abatements	4 06	
Outstanding December 31, 1925	503 52	
		<u>\$2,390 12</u>

## SEWER APPORTIONMENT 1925

Sewer Apportionment .		\$688 62
Committed Interest . . .		92 40
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		\$781 02
Collected to December		
31, 1925 . . . . .	\$695 51	
Outstanding December		
31, 1925 . . . . .	85 51	
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		<u><u>\$781 02</u></u>

## SEWER APPORTIONMENT 1924

Sewer Apportionment		
outstanding Jan. 1,		
1925 . . . . .		\$48 82
Committed Interest . . .		2 44
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		\$51 26
Collected to December		
31, 1925 . . . . .	\$51 26	
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		<u><u>\$51 26</u></u>

I desire at this time to thank the Citizens and Town Officials for their co-operation throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

LEON J. DELAGE,  
Collector of Taxes.





## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF WELFARE

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To the Citizens of Southbridge :

The year 1925 closed with a larger number of people receiving aid than ever before in the history of the Town although we have succeeded in carrying on our work without overdrawing any of our accounts. The depression in the local industries lasting as long as it has, has compelled a good many thrifty people to call for help after using up their small savings. Up to the present time we can see no noticeable improvement. The Mothers' Aid account is as usual doing good work in maintaining homes for dependent children and their mothers. We have been complimented by the State visitor on the class of people receiving aid under this division.

The Almshouse on Chestnut St., is in good condition and we have on hand about 120 cords of hard wood for distribution to the needy. A fire escape that has been approved by the building inspector has been erected and some changes to meet the State laws have been made. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph N. Payant have been appointed for 1926 after 13 years of valuable service as warden and matron.

The collections from other towns and cities and the Commonwealth have been greater than ever before. During 1925 we collected \$9709.65 which has been turned to the Town Treasurer.

A marked increase in deserted families and neglected children has occurred in the past few years and we have prosecuted these cases to the best of our ability. In this work we have been willingly assisted by the Police Department to whom we express our gratitude. We also wish to thank the Sewer Commission for giving preference to laborers who we recommended. To other Boards and Officials we extend our thanks for their cooperation.

Respectfully Submitted,

HENRY ROBIDA, Chairman,  
GEO. H. HARTWELL, JR., Clerk,  
HERMAN J. LAMOTHE, Visitor.

# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To Honorable Board of Selectmen:—

Gentlemen:

The Board of Health, Alfred J. Peloquin, Philias S. Caron and Dr. Charles Simpson, organized as follows:

Alfred J. Peloquin, Chairman; Dr. Chas. Simpson, Secy. and physician for the board.

Following is list of contagious diseases reported to the board during the year:

Diphtheria . . . . .	28	Chickenpox . . . . .	6
Influenza . . . . .	3	Measles . . . . .	5
Lobar Pneumonia . . . . .	13	Mumps . . . . .	1
Scarlet Fever . . . . .	1	Pulmonary Tuberculosis . .	7
Typhoid Fever . . . . .	3		
Total . . . . .		67	

Following are the deaths for the year by months:

January . . . . .	18	July . . . . .	9
February . . . . .	12	August . . . . .	16
March . . . . .	11	September . . . . .	8
April . . . . .	8	October . . . . .	14
May . . . . .	10	November . . . . .	7
June . . . . .	13	December . . . . .	14
Total . . . . .		140	

Males .....	72	Females .....	68
Total .....		140	

Following are deaths for the year by diseases:

Diseases of Brain .....	14	Influenza .....	1
Diseases of Heart .....	17	Pneumonia .....	1
Premature Birth .....	12	Diphtheria .....	3
Cancer .....	14	Marasmus .....	1
Nephritis .....	10	Gastritis .....	1
Arterio Sclerosis .....	8	Strangulated Hernia ....	1
Bronchitis .....	5	Eclampsia .....	1
Angina Pectoris .....	4	Ictura .....	1
Accidental .....	6	Ulser Cardiac of Stomach	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis .	4	All others .....	3
General Tuberculosis ...	1	Still-born .....	12
Diabetes .....	2	Unknown;	
Broncho Pneumonia .....	2	Medical Examiner ...	11
Lobar Pneumonia .....	4		
Total .....		140	

Last year in our report we recommended that the town erect and maintain a Sanitary Station in the business section of the town, since that time an article was inserted into a town warrant and at a special town meeting, the matter was referred to the Board of Health to investigate and report at a later meeting, which report will be made at the annual meeting of March of this year.

The Board has made arrangements with the owner of a track of land on Harrington Street for three years, for its use as a public dump, this is the same land as was used last year but we believe the plan now used is better and a much lower cost to the town.

The collection of garbage has continued with better results this year, as the people become more used to the method, more cooperation is shown, the Board believes that a can for each family instead of one can for the whole building brings better collection and recommends that each family have a covered galvanized iron can owned by them and that they use only their own for their own garbage.

The Dental Clinic has continued with good results and each of the Dentist as they are called to have charge of the clinic, have shown great interest and at this time we wish to express our appreciation for their services in this good work for the health of the children, in the Nurse's report will be found a more detailed report.

Following will be found the report of the reports of the Physician for the Board, Agent, Nurse, Inspectors of Plumbing, Milk, and Slaughtering.

Very respectfully,

ALFRED J. PELOQUIN,  
CHARLES SIMPSON, M.D.,  
PHILIAS S. CARON,  
Board of Health.

REPORT OF THE AGENT OF BOARD OF HEALTH.

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To the Honorable Board of Health.

Gentlemen :

I hereby submit my report as agent to your board for the year ending December 31, 1925.

All complaints received at the office have been investigated and in every case have been adjusted or abated to the satisfaction of each party.

As the public become educated in sanitation, each year finds more co-operation with the Board of Health in keeping yards and houses in more cleanly condition.

Houses where there have been contagious diseases have been placarded according to law and in most cases quarantine has been observed, thus preventing the chances of contact and later an epidemic.

The years work has in every way been pleasant and at this time I wish to thank the Board for there constant help in the work of this office.

Very respectfully yours,

ALBERT R. BROWN,  
Agent.



REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH NURSE

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To the Honorable Board of Health:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my annual report as Board of Health Nurse for the year 1925.

"Diphtheria is one of the most fatal diseases of childhood. It kills thousands of children each year while many more suffer from serious after-effects."

The above is a quotation from a health bureau and it emphasizes the need of strict precaution as well as isolation.

Such a waste of human life and health is needless since all children can be made safe from diphtheria.

School children of many cities and towns throughout the country are receiving the protective treatment from their family doctor or under the supervision of the health department. The process of this treatment consists of two parts.

1. The Shick Test, which shows whether or not a person can take diphtheria.

2. Immunization treatment, which prevents those who are susceptible to diphtheria from catching the disease.

The recent outbreak of diphtheria in this community ought to stimulate parents to protect their children by the simple and harmless Schick Test.

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Number of visits to Diphtheria cases . . . . .	82
Number of visits to Scarlet Fever cases . . . . .	2
Number of visits to Typhoid cases . . . . .	8
Number of visits to Measles cases . . . . .	3
Number of visits to Chicken Pox cases . . . . .	2
Number of visits to (congenital) Syphilis case . . .	3

Every human being can help to protect himself against tuberculosis if he will only exercise care and follow the general rules of hygiene.

The patient has a double duty: first, to himself, in order to become once more a useful member of society and secondly, by observing protective regulations, to prevent his family and others in the neighborhood from acquiring the disease.

The tuberculosis dispensary was opened every Monday evening from 5 to 7, for people who have the disease and wish to benefit by periodical examinations and advice.

Number of visits to active tubercular cases . . . . .	71
Number of visits to quiescent cases . . . . .	52
Number of visits to suspicious cases . . . . .	6
Number of visits to contacts . . . . .	61
Number of patients examined at dispensary . . . . .	27

Follow-up reports on all cases of tuberculosis were sent to the State Department of Health, as well as a monthly report on cases examined at the dispensary.

Number of follow-up visits . . . . .	21
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Milk is the best food for growing children. It contains all the food material needed for growing bones and muscles. Milk combined with bread, cereals, and vegetables should be the main part of the diet of boys and girls.

Half pint bottles of milk are served in nearly all class-rooms at St. Mary's School. When the milk lunch is served in the mid-forenoon the influence of numbers is keenly felt. Children want to do what other children are doing. In this way it is possible to induce children to drink milk at school, who refuse to do so at home.

Number of class-rooms serving milk ..... 5

Number of bottles served during the school year.

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
876	867	1022	815	1528	890	979	1280	934	714
Total .....									9905.

Children ten per cent or more underweight have been weighed twice during the school year and instructed in such fundamentals as rest, fresh air, bathing and proper clothing, are very important in helping to bring the malnourished child up to normal.

Diet is an all-important factor in overcoming malnutrition.

The following tables show that the majority of underweights have gained.

#### CHILDREN 10 PER CENT UNDERWEIGHT.

St. Mary's	Enroll	May	Dec.
Grade I .....	30	9	5
Grade II .....	13	1	0
Grade III .....	14	3	1
Grade IV .....	28	8	4
Grade V .....	16	3	0
Grade VI .....	16	4	2

Grade VII . . . . .	12	5	2
Grade VIII . . . . .	17	3	2
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	146	36 or 24 pc.	16 or 9 pc.

The Worcester County children's vacation camp at Sterling provided a health vacation for eight children, four boys and four girls. This number included one boy from St. Mary's school. The children sent to this camp were maintained by funds from the sale of Christmas seals. Skilled physicians, trained nurses, teachers, and play leaders supervised them while the health restoring outdoor life brought back ruddy cheeks.

The care of the children's mouths up to the age of twelve years is worth more than that spent later in repairing the results of disease. The work in the clinic stimulates the children to start the habit of mouth cleanliness early and begin the regular visits to the dentist.

The dental clinic was opened every Monday and Tuesday forenoon from 9 to 11:45, from October 1st to June 1st.

Number of children who reported to clinic first time . . . .	288
Number of extractions . . . . .	299
Number of children who had teeth cleaned . . . . .	345
Number of fillings . . . . .	72
Number of treatments . . . . .	13
Number of oral examinations . . . . .	62
Number of tooth brushes sold . . . . .	150

The usual physical examination was made by the school physician assisted by the nurse. With the exception of dental caries, infected tonsils and enlarged adenoids was the defect

most frequently encountered. Abnormal tonsils and adenoids often prevent children from getting sufficient air. They should be removed.

All class rooms visited and health talks given as often as possible.

Number of class room visits ..... 28

Respectfully submitted,

MARGUERITE C. HOULE, R. N.

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## REPORT OF PLUMBING INSPECTOR.

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To the Honorable Board of Health:

I herewith submit my report as Plumbing Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1925.

The following fixtures have been installed during the year in houses classified below:

Water Closets	135	Sinks	114
Bath Tubs	114	Bowls	121
Wash Trays	30		

These were installed in 29 single houses; 13 2-tenment; 19 3-tenement; 1 theatre; 1 hotel; 4 business blocks; 3 factories and additional fixtures have been placed in 13 other buildings.

On this work I have made 81 water tests and on work where water test was impossible or impracticable I have made inspections and other tests.

There have been 34 new houses connected with sewer; 12 new houses connected with cesspools; 11 old houses connected with sewers and 4 old houses connected with cesspools during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT R. BROWN,  
Inspector.



REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF MILK.

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To the Honorable Board of Health:

Gentlemen:

I hereby render my report for the year ending December 31, 1925.

As Inspector of Milk, I have issued 50 licenses to peddle milk; 10 licenses to sell milk in stores and 4 licenses to sell oleomargarine in stores. I have collected for these license the sum of \$32.00 which I have turned over to the Town Treasurer who gave receipt for same.

3. As in former years samples have been taken by State Department of Public Health, Boston for analysis and the average result has been good, there is some demand that the town do this here, but as yet there is not any apparatus to do the work.

Most of the milk sold here is not over twelve hours old therefor not high in bacteria if properly cared for after delivery; one peddler is selling pasteurized milk and this I believe is a step in the right direction.

Respectfully yours,

ALBERT R. BROWN,  
Inspector.



## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING.

To the Board of Health:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as your Inspector of Slaughtering, for the year ending December 31, 1925.

Whole number of carcasses inspected . . . . .	407
Number of carcasses of beef . . . . .	54
Number of carcasses of veal . . . . .	184
Number of carcasses of swine . . . . .	205
Number of carcasses condemned—beef . . . . .	2

The carcasses condemned were for tuberculosis and have been destroyed according to law.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN HALPIN,  
Inspector.

As Assistant Inspector of Slaughtering, I report that I inspected the following carcasses:

Veal—2,	Swine—1,	Total—3
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Respectfully yours,

ALBERT R. BROWN,  
Inspector.

## REPORT OF PHYSICIAN.

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Following is my report and recommendations as physician for the year ending December 31, 1925.

### The Tuberculosis Clinic

Tuberculosis is a very serious disease no matter how slight the symptoms may be. It is often difficult to convince patients of this seriousness as they sometimes do not feel sick but when tuberculosis is diagnosed the patient should put himself at once into the hands of a physician. Tuberculosis deserves to be taken with the utmost seriousness.

Since 1904 the Tuberculosis death rate for the United States has been cut in half. But the fight is not the fight of any one country. It is the fight of all humanity. And when all Humanity fights then shall the Great White Plague that has whitened the world with tombstones for more than two thousand years be driven from the Earth.

No medicine will cure Tuberculosis—but it can be cured by fresh air day and night, winter and summer, rain or shine.

By rest, good nourishment, freedom from worry, and supervision by trained physicians. Better than cure is prevention through regular examination by a physician, sanitary living and working conditions, and always fresh air and sunshine.

The disease attacks lungs, skin, brain and bone. Rich

or Poor are exposed. It attacks all ages from babyhood to old age. Acute danger periods are infancy and early adult life.

The greatest death toll is exacted between 35 and 45 the most productive years of life—just when the family is most dependent on breadwinner or homemaker.

Tuberculosis is preventable regardless of previous infection, family history or race. It is true that the child of tuberculous parents with whom he is closely associated in infancy becomes rapidly and heavily infected at an early age and hence such a child is likely to develop tuberculosis.

The Tuberculosis Clinic in the Town Hall is open every Monday from five to seven o'clock. The Board of Health Nurse along with the Physician are there to render services to the public. This service is without charge.

### The Schick Test.

Not so many years ago Diphtheria was the black enemy of childhood. All over the world it claimed a frightful toll. And the tragedy was that three-quarters of its victims were little tots under six, hardly more than babies. Swiftly it struck with deadly result—without warning and there was no sure way to combat it.

The Schick Message is that if mothers and fathers and all others who love children will help, this dread disease that has blotted out so many lives can be wiped out. Children need not have Diphtheria. It can be prevented.

Would you willingly permit a man to drive an automobile into a crowd of little children? Why then permit Diphtheria—unchecked to mow them down?

Today, eminent specialist state positively and definitely that through modern preventive treatment Diphtheria can be Stamped Out. Some children are able to resist the germs of Diphtheria.

Others are not. The wonderful discovery of Dr. Schick of Vienna, is now being used to show which children need protection which are susceptible and which are not. The Schick Test consists in giving the child a tiny injection in the skin of the arm. If after a few days a red spot appears where the injection was made, the child is susceptible. If no spot appears, the child is immune.

Children who show by the Schick Test that they are liable to Diphtheria can be given at once the Toxin-Antitoxin Preventive Treatment. This treatment consists of three injections of Toxin-Antitoxin, one each week for three weeks. The Schick Test does not make the child immune, but authorities agree that the Toxin Treatment does. Experience shows that both are painless and harmless.

This year the Board of Health Physician has introduced the Schick Test in all schools and needs your heartiest cooperation. If your child brings home a request for your approval for the Test or the Toxin-Antitoxin treatment do not hesitate to give permission. If you love them Make them safe.

Diphtheria is extremely contagious. Have your childrens' throats examined at first suggestion of a cold or of a fever. The disease is caused by a germ that lodges in the throat and later forms a membrane. Death is frequently caused by strangulation and the agony of the struggling child beggars description.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES SIMPSON, M. D.

Physician for the Board of Health.



## REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE

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The Cemetery Committee organized for the year of 1925 with George H. Hartwell Jr. as Chairman and S. W. Williams as Clerk.

The Cemetery work was carried along the usual lines during the year just ending giving special attention to the perpetual care lots and as much care as possible to the lots not having this care.

It is necessary to do an increasing amount of work on the gravel drives every year. The use of automobiles necessitates a constant effort on the part of the workmen to keep them in proper condition.

A great deal of time has to be spent every year in grading sunken graves. This requires the removal of the sod, filling the depression with loam, stamping the grave and replacing the sod. This year we have graded over three hundred graves in this manner.

We have been able during the year to give more attention to the sections located on the outskirts of the Cemetery. For a number of years we have had to neglect these sections due to a lack of funds. While we have not been able to do all the work we would like to have done, we feel a start has been made and know with the attention we will be able to give these parts from now on it will only be a few years before they will be in as good condition as the rest of the Cemetery.



Every year we have endeavored to give what is known as the old part of the Cemetery, the part that was filled before perpetual care was originated, an increasing amount of care. This year, due to a greater income, we have repaired the Main street arch, re-set the curbing along the drive leading to Main Street and made several minor improvements.

The greater part of July was spent working on the tract of land given the Cemetery a year ago. What underbrush had grown during the year was cut out, also a few dead trees removed. By doing this work we have endeavored to fulfill the provision of the gift in which we agreed to keep this land in the best of condition.

It is with great pleasure that we acknowledge with sincere appreciation the construction of the fine cement road and sidewalk at the main entrance to the Cemetery. This was made possible by the interest and generosity of Hon. Calvin D. Paige. An entrance of this kind has been badly needed for a great many years. We now have an approach that will be a lasting satisfaction to all those who are in any way interested in the Cemetery.

It is of great encouragement to the Committee to note the increasing interest that is being taken in a material way by our citizens in the welfare of the Cemetery.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE H. HARTWELL, Jr. Chairman  
ALVA L. HYDE,  
CLARENCE F. MORSE,  
EMERY A. LAVALLEE,  
WARDWELL M. EDWARDS,  
DANIEL T. MORRILL.



# REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE LIBRARY

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## TRUSTEES OF JACOB EDWARDS LIBRARY

George Grant  
Fred E. Corbin  
Louis O. Rieutord  
Henry Tetreault  
For the Town

Francis L. Chapin  
John E. Paige  
E. B. Armstrong  
For the Fund

## LIBRARIAN

Ella Miersch

## ASSISTANT

Madolyn Murphy

## JANITOR

Romaldo di Bonaventura

## LIBRARY HOURS

Week days, except January 1, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas. 10 to 12 a. m., 2 to 5:30, 6:30 to 9 p. m.

## REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN

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To the Trustees of the Jacob Edwards Library:

### USE

A circulation of 70,641 volumes during 1925 contrasted with the 47,788 volumes 'taken out' ten years ago, during our first year in the new building, tells the tale of the constantly increasing use of the library—increasing use by both adults and children, by the seeker for amusement and the seeker for knowledge. The percentage of fiction circulated has decreased a bit, which indicates that the seeker after knowledge is increasing.

With real encouragement, almost any number of children would use the library. We have unfortunately not the number of assistants required for that sort of work. Swarms of children use the library after school hours (many days we seem to be a reference library for the high schools. This is as it should be. We would however, call to the attention of the townspeople that they are thus saved providing an adequate high school library, which is a growing custom and is required in some states. That we may meet the needs of these young people, we need greatly increased stocks of standard and reference books.

### GROWTH

Nine hundred and three volumes were added during the year. 469 of which were bought to replace wornout books. Seven hundred and ninety volumes were discarded, because they were worn, dirty or out of date—books on prohibition,

woman suffrage, old books on etiquette, science, education, and health. Books out of date are not only of no value in a library, but are a detriment, as people often choose them instead of the up-to-date book, which will give them the information they seek.

The library now contains 25,280 volumes.

### ACTIVITIES

Instruction in the use of the library was given to the freshman class of the Mary E. Wells high school and to the pupils of the continuation schools, in small groups.

A new service, which is welcomed by many readers, is the series of reading courses published by the American library association, and now available at the Library. Most people feel that their reading might be both more enjoyable and more profitable. 'Reading with a purpose' offers expert advice for study in many fields—the lists are popular and brief and, at the same time, sound. Biology, English and American literature, American government, Music, Sociology, Biography, Economics, Psychology, and Child study are the courses offered. All books recommended in the courses are in the library.

### GIFTS

Many gifts of books and periodicals are acknowledged elsewhere.

A bequest of fifty dollars, to be used for the purchase of books in French, came to the Library from the estate of Mr. Clement Begin. The books purchased can now be obtained at the library.

The Southbridge water supply, through the kindness of Mr. G. H. Abbott, presented to the historical museum belonging to the library, an Indian dugout, which had been found in Hatchett Pond. The Library would again call to the attention of the people of Southbridge that here, in a fireproof building, is the natural place to deposit articles connected with the early history of the town.

### APPROPRIATION

Merely to be up to the average appropriation for public libraries of other towns of our size, our appropriation should be \$10,826. With less, we cannot offer our townspeople what other towns are offering their people, through their public libraries. The great increase in the use of the library during the last few years demands increased numbers of assistants, replaced copies of wornout books and much rebinding of books fit to bind. All of this merely to keep up the present level of the library. However, the demand is large for increased opportunities of every sort.

ELLA E. MIERSCH,  
Librarian.

CIRCULATION BY MONTHS FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS

	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
January . . .	4289	4404	4375	5170	4898	5854	5517	5260	5917	6942
February . . .	4456	4159	4108	4899	4842	6238	5661	5136	5825	6416
March . . . .	4980	5151	4744	5457	5671	6681	6210	5678	6526	6679
April . . . . .	4293	4135	4329	4971	4767	5745	5378	4472	5783	5822
May . . . . .	3851	4144	3669	4362	4236	4759	4372	3980	4973	5184
June . . . . .	3628	3930	3870	3686	4222	4820	4121	3999	4567	5605
July . . . . .	3682	3874	3654	4163	4146	5222	4108	4106	4839	5027
August . . . .	3653	3748	3605	4276	3732	4917	3738	4128	5253	5043
September . .	3603	3249	3544	4130	3700	4177	3591	4067	4743	4962
October . . . .	3590	3640	1000	4552	4373	4909	4408	5149	5870	6184
November . . .	3991	3984	4042	4564	5254	4888	4773	5342	5933	6590
December . . .	3848	3966	4225	4529	5458	5204	4496	5324	5814	6189
Total . . . . .	47861	48384	45165	54759	55299	63494	56373	56641	66043	70641

# ACCESSIONS AND CIRCULATION

	Volumes added in 1925	Volumes now in Library	Volumes circulated in 1924	Volumes circulated in 1925	Per Cent. circulated in 1925
Fiction . . . . .	67	4,169	34,021	34,584	48.96
Children, Fiction . . . . .	42	1,787	16,504	18,504	26.12
Children, Non-Fiction . . . . .	62	1,190	4,621	6,360	9.01
Philosophy . . . . .	5	344	214	172	25
Religion . . . . .	2	661	99	104	.16
Sociology . . . . .	44	880	491	593	.84
Language . . . . .		171	265	209	.30
Science . . . . .	14	696	360	403	.58
Useful Arts . . . . .	48	968	1,467	1,140	1.61
Fine Arts . . . . .	29	657	1,052	1,024	1.46
Literature . . . . .	26	2161	959	1,279	1.82
Travel . . . . .	26	1,670	998	1,270	1.80
History . . . . .	7	1,849	632	660	.94
Biography . . . . .	24	2,005	706	885	1.26
Bound Periodicals . . . . .	24	2,969	53	155	.22
Massachusetts Public Documents . . . . .	2	224		3	
U. S. Public Documents . . . . .	1	376			
Foreign Languages . . . . .		791	2,461	2,202	3.12
Current Periodicals . . . . .			1,124	1,086	1.54
Reference Books . . . . .	11	760	16	8	.01
Amidown Collection . . . . .		877			
Museum . . . . .		84			



## GIFTS

The library gratefully acknowledged gifts of books from the following: Eddy Town Fund; J. C. Wells, Miss Cady; Miss Lienne Tetrault; Mrs. J. Wesley Curtis; Mrs. A. C. Wieshart, Livermore and Knight Co.

Also subscriptions to periodicals and newspapers from the following: Rev. L. R. Urban; Southbridge Press; Mrs. L. J. Smith, Mrs. A. C. Wieshart, New England Telephone co., Hamilton Woolen Co., American Optical Co.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## Receipts

Town Appropriation .....	\$8500 00
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## Expenditures

## Salaries:

Library Staff .....	\$4153 31
Janitor .....	1308 32
Light .....	253 76
Coal .....	585 50
Books .....	1131 70
Periodicals .....	246 15
Binding .....	254 68
Equipment .....	150 88
Repairs .....	63 42



Supplies .....	167 36	
Printing .....	75 00	
Expenses .....	109 57	
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		\$8499 65
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		\$ 35

## Mynott Fund

Amount of Fund January 1, 1925 .....	\$1007 69
- Interest .....	45 50
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	\$1053 19

## Expenditures

Periodicals . . . . .	\$5.00	
Books . . . . .	46 02	
	<hr/>	\$51 02
Amount of fund December 31, 1925 . . . . .		<hr/> \$1002 17

## REPORT OF THE SEWERS COMMISSONERS

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To the Citizens of the Town of Southbridge:

Your board of Sewer Commissioners herewith submit their report for the year ending December 21st, 1925.

There are now connected with the system 1279 buildings including manufacturing plants, schools, public buildings, tenement houses and residences.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Town of Southbridge, the Commissioners have built a stretch of sewer on Eastford road a length of 1800 feet at a cost of \$9,412.03.

The stretch of sewer was laid on Hartwell Street extension, a length of 198.2 feet at a cost of \$379 47 and also a stretch laid on Chestnut Street a length of 145 feet at a cost of \$449.14. These sewers were built from our sewer assessment revenue.

East Main Street sewer was relaid with 10 inch cast iron pipe, for a length of 527 feet, at the cost of \$3,489.68, this work had to be done under dangerous conditions. Trench was dug at a depth of 12 feet, and dropped 3 feet below the water line of the Quinebaug River. It was necessary to shore the trench with planks to prevent same from caving in. The excavated dirt had to be thrown into the road due to the fact that we were digging too close to the River bank. The lay-

ing of pipes had to be done on Saturday afternoons and Sundays while the mills were not in operation, because it was necessary to lower the River for such work.

It was also necessary to relay 15 feet of sewer on Cliff Street after excavating it was found that the pipes were broken by the weight of stones and boulders, which were dumped over the pipe at the time that the Grand Trunk excavated for the Railroad bed, here it was necessary to go down a depth of 18 feet under very dangerous conditions, it was necessary to shore the trench to make it safe for the workmen, and it was also necessary to keep a motor driven pump, pumping continuously to keep sewage out of the trench while repairs were being made.

Cohasse Street sewer was built at the cost of \$224.22.

Work started on the construction of new Filter beds on May 28th, men were put to work cutting down trees and building bridge and clearing the grounds ready to receive steam shovel.

On June 20th Thomas F. McGovern's steam shovel was moved to the premises setting up and getting ready to excavate. On June 22nd excavating and drawing of dirt with trucks begun with nine (9) trucks working. On October 21st Mr. M. Streeter & Son's steam shovel was moved to the West Dudley sand bank, and worked there until December 2nd. Thomas F. McGovern's steam shovel also moved to the Dudley pit on November 1st and moved out from the Dudley pit on December 6th to go to Mr. M. Duhamel's sand bank. On December 8th hauling of sand from bank started with 18 trucks working. After taking 10,158 cubic yards of sand it was necessary to move out of M. Duhamel's bank, because the run of the sand was too fine for filtering purposes, therefore

the State Department of Public Health ordered us to obtain coarser sand, and they recommended the Southbridge Printing Works's sand bank. On December 24th the shovel moved out of M. Duhamel's bank to go to the Southbridge Printing Works bank, and was still working on December 31st, with 11 trucks.

Amount of sand taken from each bank:

West Dudley sand bank	4,800 cubic yards	
M. Duhamel sand bank	10,156 cubic yards	
Southbridge Printing Co.	5,107 cubic yards	
Appropriation for the new Filter Beds		\$80,000 00
Expenditure's		\$54,688 41
Balance		\$25,313 59

With the balance left on hand and the work that remains to be done there is no doubt that the work will be completed within the appropriation. In reference to the appropriation for the Sewer Maintenance for the coming year we recommend the sum of \$5,000.00.

OMER L. PERRON,  
O. L. LAPIERRE,  
JOSEPH H. ALLARD,

Board of Sewer Commissioners.



## REPORT OF HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

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Invoices paid from the Highway Department during 1925:

Insurance .....	\$109 75
Telephone .....	30 80
Storage .....	132 00
Cinders .....	340 00
Culverts .....	349 27
Gasoline, oil and tires .....	166 11
Stationery .....	31 38
Repairs, supplies, etc. ....	511 12
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	\$1,670 43
Salaries .....	2,100 00
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	\$3,770 43

2 Old Ford-trucks were traded in for 2 new ones. The price paid for the 2 was \$1,075.00 less the allowance for the old ones leaving a net price of \$800.00.

\$317.53 were spent for grading Goddard Street.

\$317.50 were spent for grading Sayles Street.

Turned in to Town Treasurer for empty barrels, use of steam roller, etc., \$91.25.

# REPORT OF HIGHWAY SURVEYOR

## APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT FOR 1925

APPROPRIATIONS	EXPENDITURES				
	Help	Teams	Misc.	Total	Balance
Highway	\$14,500.00	\$5,317.50	\$4,570.43	\$14,101.44	\$398.58
Snow and Ice	3,000.00	1,617.25	136.50	2,501.63	498.37
General Cleanings	6,800.00	4,758.75	869.40	6,749.15	50.85
Permanent Roads	8,000.00	2,534.25	4,446.63	7,994.76	5.24
Sidewalk Repairs	4,000.00	2,171.00	1,406.44	3,955.44	44.56
Bridges	1,300.00	610.50	597.08	1,296.58	3.42
Railings	500.00	149.50	122.32	271.82	228.18
Oiling Streets	2,500.00		2,475.80	2,475.80	24.20
	\$40,600.00	\$17,158.75	\$7,563.27	\$14,624.60	\$39,346.62
					\$1,253.38



## REPORT OF THE PLAYGROUNDS COMMITTEE

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Hector L. Peloquin, D. D. S.,  
Secretary of Playground Committee,  
Southbridge, Massachusetts.

Dear Sir:

The Playgrounds at Central, School, Elm, Union, and Sandersdale opened for the Summer session of five weeks on July 7, 1925, with a daily average attendance of eight hundred children.

As in previous years the afternoon session of four hours was divided into Industrial and Play periods. The work completed this past season was more than gratifying, there being more interest shown in the Industrial work, such as Basketry, Sewing and Weaving. Ribbons were awarded in these three branches of work, and were on display in the Edwards Company window, through the courtesy of Mr. John Shaughnessy.

The fact that the Senior and Junior Boys and Girls qualified for and passed the Playground and Recreation Association of America Badge test proves increased interest in athletics. Other Boys and Girls tried but failed to pass the test.

The Track Meet on Festival Day held at the Central Street Playground attracted about two hundred boys from all

the playgrounds, more boys than ever before taking part in the dashes, relays, etc. The most suitable prizes were awarded to the runners.

The Baseball series of the Senior and Junior Boys was very lively, also the Punch ball series between the Senior Girls of the Central Street Grounds and the Girls of the School Street Grounds. Other interesting features of the season was the special days arranged by the directors of the different grounds.

I wish to publicly acknowledge the helpfulness of the Playground Committee and its Chairman, Dr. D. H. Peloquin for his assistance and kindness, also wish to thank the instructors for their co-operation during the season.

Respectively submitted,

CECILIA E. POWER.

## TOWN WARRANT

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Worcester, Ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Southbridge, in the County of Worcester,

### GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby requested to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Southbridge, aforesaid, qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet in the Town Hall in said Southbridge, on Monday the First (1) day of March, 1926, at 5.45 o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose a moderator to preside over said meeting.

Article 2. To choose by ballot all town officers for the ensuing year:—viz: Clerk; Treasurer; three Selectmen; one member Board of Public Welfare; for three years; one member of Board of Health for three years; one Assessor for three years; Collector of Taxes; two members of the School Committee for three years; one Park Commissioner for three years; one Sinking Fund Commissioner for three years; one Sewer Commissioner for three years; two Cemetery Commissioners for three years; Tree Warden; Highway Surveyor; three Constables and all others provided for by law.

Article 3. To vote by ballot "YES" or "NO" in answer

to the question, "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of certain non-intoxicating beverages in this Town."

Article 4. To hear the reports of the Town Accountant; Treasurer; Clerk; Selectmen; School Committee; Library Committee; Sewer Committee, etc., and act anything thereon.

Article 5. To raise and appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to pay town debts and charges for the current financial year.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow in anticipation of the revenue of the current financial year or act anything thereon.

Article 7. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to cause an audit to be made of the Town's Accounts of 1926, or act anything thereon.

Article 8. To see if the town will vote to pay its Engineers or act anything thereon.

Article 9. To see if the town will vote to give the Collector of Taxes the same power to collect taxes that the Town Treasurer has when appointed Collector of Taxes.

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to have all taxes due and payable October 1, 1926, and if not paid on or before October 15, 1926, to have interest charged at the rate provided for by law from October 15, 1926, or act thereon.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to fix the compensation of town officers, laborers and teams, or act anything thereon.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to accept certain parcels of land, deeded to the town by Mr. Felix Gatin-eau and Jack and Annie Caplovich, or act anything thereon.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell the scales on the town barn land on God-dard Street, also to sell other old unused equipment of the Fire department or act anything thereon.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to sell the land and buildings on Goddard Court, or to purchase other land to be used for town purposes, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to repair the World War Veterans' Honor Roll, situated on the lawn of the Town Hall Building lot, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 16. To hear and act on the report of the Board of Health under Article No. 13 of the Special Town Meeting held July 27, 1925, relative to the erection and maintenance of a Sanitary Station, raise and appropriate money therefor or act thereon.

Article 17. To hear and act on the report of the Com-mittee appointed to revise the by-laws of the town, under Article No. 38 of the Town Meeting held March 1, 1915.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to construct a cement concrete road on Main Street, beginning at the end of the cement road at the junction of Main and South Streets, westerly to the brick paving at the junction of Main and Hamilton streets, with a curb on the westerly side, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.



Article 19. To see if the town will vote to construct a cement concrete road on Mill Street, from the end of the present cement road, northerly about 350 feet, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to construct a permanent road on Goddard Court, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to construct a cement or macadam road on Eastford Road southward from the existing cement roadway to the corner of said road next beyond the intersection of Durfee or Weld Street, to raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to construct a cement road on River Street, from the end of the present cement road, northerly to Walcott Street, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 23. To see if the town will vote to accept the report of the committee appointed under Article No. 19 of the Town Meeting held March 1, 1925, relative to the construction of a permanent road on the North Woodstock Road, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a certain sum of money for the purpose of working Litchfield Avenue to the grade established by the Town in 1901; said work to extend southerly from South Street to land of Louis F. Desmarais; or act anything thereon.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to purchase a certain strip of land on the corner of Worcester and Charlton Streets, construct a retaining wall, cement concrete sidewalk

and resurface the roadway with bituminous macadam, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 26. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate an additional sum of money for the repairs on the Lebanon Hill Road, or act anything thereon.

Article 27. To see if the town will vote to lower the grade on Overland Street, and regrade same, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 28. To see if the town will vote to construct a cement concrete sidewalk with gutter, said sidewalk to be five feet in width, on the southerly side of Hartwell street, from the end of the present walk westerly to Prospect Street, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 29. To see if the town will vote to construct a cement concrete sidewalk with gutter, on the westerly side of Worcester street, beginning at Henry street and extending northerly to Snow street, raise and appropriate money therefor or act thereon.

Article 30. To see if the town will vote to build a cement concrete sidewalk on the easterly side of Elm street from the southerly end of the present sidewalk to the junction of Everett street, appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 31. To see if the town will vote to erect a retaining wall on the southerly side of Taft street, abutting the property of Alexandre Paulhus, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 32. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum



of Two Thousand (\$2000.) dollars to grade River Street School Ground, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee of six to consider the building of a Junior High School.

Three members of this committee to be members of the School Board. The Committee to report at some future meeting, or act anything thereon.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to pay Gedeon Gregoire the sum of Eight Hundred One Dollars and Ninety Cents (\$801.90), being the amount (including interest on same) paid by him for taxes in excess of the correct assessment for the years from and including 1906 up to and including 1924, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 35. To see if the town will vote to install and maintain an ARC Light, at the corner of Main and Mechanic Streets, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 36. To see if the town will vote to install and maintain electric lights on the following streets:—viz: one on Brochu Street; one on Gardner Street; one on Henry Street and six on Brick Yard Road (so-called), raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 37. To see if the town will vote to construct a sewer in the Charlton Road, called the Gulf Woods Road, from Charlton Street to the property of Louis Proulx, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 38. To see if the town will vote to construct a sewer in Park Avenue and Woodland Street, from Columbus Avenue or Spring Street, to Prospect Street, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 39. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8000.00, appoint the same committee as last year, who shall have the authority to improve the land owned by the town on Dresser Street, to be used for a playground, or act anything thereon.

Article 40. To see if the town will vote to erect street signs in the town, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 41. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen to whom was referred the question of drainage in the Thomas, Worcester St. and Olney Ave. district, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 42. To see if the town will vote to erect an addition to the Fire Department Headquarters on Elm Street, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 43. To hear and act on the report of the Selectmen to whom was referred under Article 10, of the Special Town Meeting held November 30, 1925, the matter of driveway at the Fire Headquarters on Elm Street, or act thereon.

Article 44. To see if the town will vote to construct a sidewalk of proper width from a point at the end of the driveway of the Myron Clemence property on Dresser street to the intersection of Dresser street and Franklin Terrace, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 45. To see if the town will vote to construct a cement concrete sidewalk on Franklin Terrace from the south line of Dresser street to the property of Lester H. Baker on Franklin Terrace, said walk to be on the southerly side of Franklin Terrace, raise and appropriate money therefor or act thereon.

Article 46. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1500 for the purpose of making a survey of the town, such sum to be expended under the direction of the Southbridge Planning Board, or act anything thereon.

Article 47. To see if the town will vote to install and maintain a flashing traffic beacon light, at the intersection of Main, Hamilton and Goddard streets, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 48. To see if the town will vote to construct a catch basin in Sayles street. opposite Dresser street, and to lay a pipe to the brook at the Dresser street playgrounds, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 49. To see if the town will vote to repair and oil Morris street, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 50. To see if the town will vote to install and maintain three street lights on Charlton Road between Vinton Street and Harrington Corner, to raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 51: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a certain sum of money to balance overdrawn accounts of 1925, and to pay outstanding bills of 1923-1924 and 1925, or act anything thereon.

Article 52. To see if the town will vote to widen Goddard Court from Main Street to Dupaul Street, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 53. To see if the town will vote to appoint a committee to inquire into the nature and amount of the work already done and of the materials already furnished, and into the money already expended under the vote under Article 35 of the adjourned town meeting of March 2, 1925, in reference to the repair and enlargement of the present Sewage Disposal Works: said committee also to inquire into the nature and amount of the work necessary to be performed and of the material necessary to be furnished and of the money necessary to be expended to complete the same, and report at a future town meeting, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 54. To see if the town will vote to construct a cement concrete road on Everett Street, beginning at the improved section near Park Street, built in 1922, and extending Southerly to the junction of Elm Street, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 55. To see if the town will accept Fairmont Avenue as a public highway beginning at Charlton Street, and extending Easterly five hundred and ninety (590) feet.

Article 56. To see if the town will vote to install and maintain a suitable number of street lights on Fiske Street, from the last light on said street to the northerly end of same, raise and appropriate money therefor or act anything thereon.

Article 57. To see if the town will vote to construct a cement concrete sidewalk on the northerly side of Glover Street, from Sayles street to High Street, raise and appropriate money therefor or act thereon.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by publishing an attested copy thereof twice in the Southbridge Press, Southbridge Herald and Southbridge News, the first publication being not less than nine days next preceding the day of the meeting,—or by posting up such attested copies in four conspicuous places within the Town, at least nine days, including Sundays,—before the day of holding said meeting. The polls will be open at 5.45 o'clock, A. M., and close at four o'clock P. M.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place hereinbefore named.

Given under our hands this 15th day of February, A. D., 1926.

JOSEPH LAFLECHE 2nd,  
FRANK A. SANSOUCY,  
JOS. G. E. PAGE,

Selectmen of Southbridge.



**Report of An Audit of  
THE ACCOUNTS OF THE TOWN  
OF SOUTHBRIDGE**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1925**

Made in Accordance with the Provisions of Chapter 44,  
General Laws

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February 11, 1926

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To the Board of Selectmen,

Mr. Joseph Lafleche, 2nd, Chairman,  
Southbridge, Massachusetts.

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the accounts of the town of Southbridge for the year ending December 31, 1925, made in accordance with the Provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws. This report is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Edward H. Fenton, Chief Examiner of this Division.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL,  
Director of Accounts.

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell,  
Director of Accounts,  
Department of Corporations and Taxation,  
State House, Boston.

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Southbridge for the year ending December 31, 1925, and submit the following report thereon:

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked in detail. The reported receipts were checked with the records in the several departments collecting money for the town and with the treasurer's cash book, and the expenditures were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing payments. Original bills and pay-rolls were examined in sufficient numbers to satisfy me of their correctness.

The town clerk's record of appropriations and transfers voted by the town were examined and checked to the appropriation accounts. The classification book was examined and found to be in agreement with the ledger. The ledger accounts were analyzed, a trial balance was taken off, and a balance sheet prepared showing the financial condition of the town as of December 31, 1925.

The outstanding debt was verified and the debt and interest payments were checked with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled bonds, notes and coupons on file.

The books and accounts of the treasurer were examined and checked, the recorded receipts being compared with the



records of departmental payments to the treasurer, with the other sources from which money was paid into the treasury, and with the accountant's books. The disbursements were checked with the warrants authorizing them.

The cash book was footed and the balance was reconciled with the amounts in the banks, less the outstanding checks. The trust and sinking funds in the custody of the treasurer were verified by examining the savings bank books and securities, the income being proved and found to be correctly recorded.

The sewer assessments committed to the treasurer for collection were verified, the outstanding accounts were listed and proved to the control account in the accountant's ledger, and the collections were checked to the treasurer's and the accountant's books.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The collections were compared with the payments to the treasurer as recorded on the treasurer's books, and the abatements were checked to the assessors' record of abatements granted.

The commitments of taxes and assessments were proved with the warrants and the outstanding accounts were listed and verified by a comparison with the accountant's ledger.

A number of notices were mailed to persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received I am satisfied that the accounts as listed are correct.

The practice of making appropriations for sewers from sewer assessment revenue should be discontinued, as this is

the balancing account for outstanding sewer assessments and as shown by the balance sheet, payments have been made on account of sewers in excess of collections. In the future the accountant will set up a sewer reserve account, which will be made up of collections of sewer assessments and from which appropriations for sewers should be made.

The town clerk's records of licenses issued for the town, the state, and the county were examined and verified, the reported payments being compared with the treasurer's and the accountant's books and with receipts on file from the state and the county.

In addition to the departments and accounts mentioned the records of receipts from the rent of the town hall, from the sealer of weights and measures, as well as from the police, fire, health, highway, poor, school, library and cemetery departments, were examined, and payments to the treasurer were verified by a comparison with the treasurer's and the accountant's books.

The surety bonds of the treasurer, the collector and the town clerk were examined and found to be in proper form.

Appended to this report are tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's and the tax collector's cash, summaries of the tax, assessment and departmental accounts, together with tables showing the condition of the sinking and trust funds.

For the courtesies extended and the assistance rendered during the process of the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and myself, to express appreciation,

Respectfully submitted,

EDW. H. FENTON,  
Chief Examiner.

## RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Cash balance January 1, 1925	\$54605 86	
Receipts	1009223 63	
	<u>          </u>	\$1063829 49
Payments	\$983710 32	
Cash balance December 31, 1925	80119 17	
	<u>          </u>	\$1063829 49
Cash balance January 1, 1926	\$80119 17	
Receipts January 1 to 18, 1926	1625 18	
	<u>          </u>	\$81744 35
Payments January 1 to 18, 1926	\$20641 64	
Cash balance, January 18, 1926	61102 71	
	<u>          </u>	\$81744 35
Cash balance, January 18, 1926	\$61102 71	
Outstanding checks per lists:		
People's National Bank,		
Southbridge	\$225 79	
Southbridge National Bank	3132 61	
	<u>          </u>	\$3358 40
	<u>          </u>	\$64461 11
In banks January 18, 1926, per bank statements:		
People's National Bank,		
Southbridge	\$22206 79	
Southbridge National Bank	42254 32	
	<u>          </u>	\$64461 11

# RECONCILIATION OF COLLECTOR'S CASH

Cash balances January 18, 1926:

Taxes 1923 .....	\$107 40
Taxes 1924 .....	305 40
Taxes 1925 .....	1633 92
Interest .....	84 14

                     \$2130 8

Cash on hand January 18, 1926, per  
count .....

\$2130 8

## TAXES 1922

Outstanding January 1, 1925 .....		\$224 8
Payments to treasurer .....	\$212 80	
Abatements .....	12 16	

                     \$224 8

## TAXES 1923

Outstanding January 1, 1925 .....	\$9548 71	
Due from collector January 1, 1925 .....	15	

                     \$9548 8

Payments to treasurer .....	\$9240 69	
Abatements .....	190 19	
Outstanding December 31, 1925 .....	117 98	

                     \$9548 8

Outstanding January 1, 1926 .....		\$117 8
Abatements .....	\$10 58	
Cash on hand January 18, 1926 .....	107 40	

                     \$117 8

## TAXES 1924

Outstanding January 1, 1925 .....		\$44230 8
Payments to treasurer .....	\$29013 30	

Abatements .....	684 75	
Tax titles taken by town .....	12 00	
Outstanding December 31, 1925 .....	14520 27	
	<hr/>	\$44230 32
Outstanding January 1, 1926 .....		\$14520 27
Payments to treasurer .....	\$104 00	
Outstanding January 18, 1926, per list .....	14110 87	
Cash on hand January 18, 1926 .....	305 40	
	<hr/>	\$14520 27

## TAXES 1925

Commitment per warrant .....	\$419269 24	
December warrant .....	379 31	
Overpayments .....	32	
	<hr/>	\$419648 87
Payments to treasurer .....	\$362479 79	
Abatements .....	1005 07	
Outstanding December 31, 1925 .....	56164 01	
	<hr/>	\$419648 87
Outstanding January 1, 1926 .....		\$56164 01
Payments to treasurer .....	\$1452 29	
Outstanding January 18, 1926, per list .....	53077 80	
Cash on hand January 18, 1926 .....	1633 92	
	<hr/>	\$56164 01

## INTEREST TAXES

## Collections:

Levy of 1922 .....	\$28 97
Levy of 1923 .....	1147 77
Levy of 1924 .....	820 25

Levy of 1925 .....	264 67	
	<hr/>	\$2261 66
Payments to treasurer .....		\$2261 66
Collections January 1 to 18, 1926:		
Levy of 1923 .....	\$37 27	
Levy of 1924 .....	32 22	
Levy of 1925 .....	41 77	
	<hr/>	\$111 26
Payments to treasurer .....	\$27 12	
Cash on hand January 18, 1926 .....	84 14	
	<hr/>	\$111 26

TAX TITLES  
HELD BY TOWN

Outstanding January 1, 1925 .....	\$740 29	
Titles taken by town .....	12 00	
	<hr/>	\$752 29
Redeemed .....	\$26 35	
Outstanding December 31, 1925, per list .....	725 94	
	<hr/>	\$752 29

UNAPPORTIONED SEWER ASSESSMENTS

Outstanding January 1, 1925 .....	\$2257 12	
Commitment .....	4262 16	
	<hr/>	\$6519 28

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Payments to treasurer .....	\$1818 14	
Abatements .....	218 59	
Apportioned .....	182 94	
Outstanding December 31, 1925, per list .....	4299 61	
	<hr/>	\$6519 28



## APPORTIONED SEWER ASSESSMENTS 1925

Commitment .....		\$688 62
Payments to treasurer .....	\$613 03	
Sewer collection credited as interest .....	02	
Outstanding December 31, 1925, per list .....	75 57	
		\$688 62

## COMMITTED INTEREST SEWER ASSESSMENTS 1925

Commitment .....	\$92 40	
Sewer collection credited as interest .....	02	
		\$92 42
Payments to treasurer .....	\$82 48	
Outstanding December 31, 1925, per list .....	9 94	
		\$92 42

## SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS

Outstanding January 1, 1925 .....	\$1674 23	
Commitment .....	650 35	
		\$2324 58
Payments to treasurer .....	\$1847 36	
Abatements .....	4 06	
Outstanding December 31, 1925, per list .....	473 16	
		\$2324 58

## COMMITTED INTEREST SIDEWALK ASSESSMENTS

Commitment .....		\$65 54
Payments to treasurer .....	\$35 18	
Outstanding December 31, 1925, per list .....	30 36	
		\$65 54



# LICENSES ISSUED BY THE TOWN CLERK

Cash on hand January 1, 1925 \$21 00

## Licenses issued 1925:

Auctioneers' .....	\$6 00
Junk .....	60 00
Trucking .....	1 00
Jitney .....	123 00
Bowling .....	67 50
Pool .....	118 00
Sunday .....	231 00
Gasoline .....	3 00
Second hand auto .....	27 00
Common victuallers' .....	69 00
Theatre ..	20 00
Innholders' .....	12 00
Sunday movie blanks ....	2 50

\$740 00

\$761 00

Collected and paid to treasurer by selectmen ..... \$432 50

Payments to treasurer—town clerk ..... 259 50

\$692 00

Cash on hand December 31, 1925, (Town clerk) .....

69 00

\$761 00

Cash on hand January 1, 1926

\$69 00

Cash on hand January 28, 1926 .....

\$69 00

## DOG LICENSES

Cash on hand January 1,

1925 .....	\$34 00	
Licenses issued:		
519 Males @ \$2.00 .....	\$1038 00	
97 Females @ \$5.00 ..	485 00	
2 Breeders' @ \$50.00 ..	100 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$1623 00
Overpayment to county treasurer .....	14 40	
	<u>          </u>	\$1671 40
Payments to county treasurer	\$1535 40	
Town clerk's fees, 625 @ 20c	125 00	
Cash on hand December 31, 1925 .....	11 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$1671 40
Cash on hand January 1, 1926 .....	\$11 00	
Licenses issued January 1 to 27, 1926:		
6 Males @ \$2.00 .....	\$12 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$23 00
Cash on hand January 27, 1926 ..		\$23 00

### HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES

Licenses issued January 1 to 27, 1926:		
167 Resident citizens' sporting @ \$2.25 ..	\$375 75	
4 Minor trappers' @ \$ .75 .....	3 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$378 75
Cash on hand January 27, 1926 .....		\$378 75

## TOWN HALL RENTS

Outstanding January 1, 1925	\$75 00	
Rent of hall .....	\$405 00	
Rent of chairs .....	5 00	
	<u>410 00</u>	\$485 00
Payments to treasurer .....	\$385 00	
Outstanding December 31, 1925 .....	100 00	\$485 00
	<u>100 00</u>	

## POLICE DEPARTMENT RENT OF COURT ROOM

Rent of old quarters December 1, 1923 to April 30, 1924 .....	\$250 00	
Rent of new quarters May 1 to De- cember 31, 1924 .....	800 00	
Rent of new quarters January 1 to December 31, 1925 .....	1200 00	\$2250 00
	<u>1950 00</u>	
Payments to treasurer .....	\$1950 00	
Due from country, 3 months' rent @ \$100 .....	300 00	\$2250 00
	<u>300 00</u>	

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Cash on hand January 1, 1925	\$4 50	
Charges:		
Use of apparatus .....	\$385 00	
Garage renewals .....	73 00	
Repairing hose, .....	3 50	
Sale of bicarbonate of soda .....	2 50	
	<u>464 00</u>	\$468 50
Payments to treasurer .....		\$468 50

## FIRE DEPARTMENT USE OF AMBULANCE

Cash on hand January 1, 1925 .....	\$65 00	
Outstanding January 1, 1925 .....	324 00	
Charges .....	677 00	
	<hr/>	\$1066 00
Payments to treasurer .....	\$584 00	
Outstanding December 31, 1925 .....	472 00	
Cash on hand December 31, 1925 .....	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$1066 00
Cash on hand January 1, 1926 .....	\$10 00	
Outstanding January 1, 1926 .....	472 00	
Charges January 1 to February 2, 1926 .....	85 00	
	<hr/>	\$567 00
Outstanding February 2, 1926, per list .....	\$517 00	
Cash on hand February 2, 1926, verified .....	50 00	
	<hr/>	\$567 00

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Cash on hand January 1, 1925 .....	\$ 44	
Sealing fees .....	171 06	
	<hr/>	\$171 50
Payments to treasurer .....	\$165 23	
Outstanding December 31, 1925 .....	1 86	
Due from sealer .....	4 41	
	<hr/>	\$171 50
Outstanding January 1, 1926 .....	\$1 86	
Due from sealer .....	4 41	
Sealing fees January 1 to 30, 1926 ..	11 82	
	<hr/>	\$18 09
Outstanding January 30, 1926, per list	\$1 86	
Due from sealer, January 30, 1926 ..	16 23	
	<hr/>	\$18 09

## LICENSES ISSUED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH

### Licenses issued:

Milk .....	\$29 50	
Oleomargarine .....	2 50	
Hairdresser .....	4 00	
Slaughter house .....	2 00	
Alcohol .....	4 00	
	<hr/>	\$42 00

Payments to treasurer .....		\$42 00
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## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Cash on hand January 1, 1925 .....	\$32 00	
Outstanding January 1, 1925 .....	89 50	
Charges .....	39 25	
Sale of sand .....	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$165 75
Payments to treasurer .....	\$96 25	
Outstanding December 31, 1925, per list .....	69 50	
	<hr/>	\$165 75

## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Outstanding January 1, 1925 .....	\$5204 68	
Charges .....	9710 50	
	<hr/>	\$14915 18
Payments to treasurer ....	\$10183 43	
Adjusted by law-suit, (City of Worcester .....	1322 50	
	<hr/>	\$11505 93
Disallowed by State .....	\$654 98	
Outstanding December 31, 1925 .....	2754 27	
	<hr/>	\$14915 18

Outstanding January 1, 1926 .....	\$2754 27	
Charges January 1 to 30, 1926 .....	145 00	
	<hr/>	\$2899 27
Payments to treasurer ...	\$24 00	
Disallowed by State .....	96 27	
Outstanding January 30, 1926, per list .....	2779 00	
	<hr/>	\$2899 27

## SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Cash on hand January 1, 1925 .....	\$6 00	—
Outstanding charges Janu- ary 1, 1925 .....	581 00	
Charges:		
Tuition .....	\$5468 92	
Use of auditorium .....	20 00	
Telephone tolls .....	6 20	
Sale of car tickets and tooth brushes .....	82 60	
	<hr/>	\$5577 72
	<hr/>	\$6164 72
Payments to treasurer ...	\$5304 22	
Outstanding December 31, .. 1925 .....	860 50	
	<hr/>	\$6164 72
Outstanding January 1, 1926 .....	\$860 50	
Charges January 1 to 29, 1926:		
Tuition .....	\$25 00	
Sale of car tickets ...	8 40	
	<hr/>	\$33 40
	<hr/>	\$893 90



Abatements January 1 to 28, 1926 .....	\$171 00	
Outstanding January 28, 1926, per list .....	125 00	
Cash on hand January 28, 1926, verified .....	597 90	
	<hr/>	\$893 90

## LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

Cash on hand January 1, 1925 .....	\$40 93	
Fines, etc. ....	349 71	
	<hr/>	\$390 64
Payments to treasurer ..	\$353 37	
Cash on hand December 31, 1925:		
Fines for December ..	\$32 27	
Petty cash .....	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$37 27
	<hr/>	\$390 64
Cash on hand January 1, 1926 .....	\$37 27	
Fines, etc., January 1 to February 2, 1926 .....	39 16	
	<hr/>	\$76 43
Payments to treasurer Jan- uary 1 to February 2, 1926 .....	\$32 27	
Cash on hand February 2, 1926, verified .....	\$44 16	
	<hr/>	\$76 43

## CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Outstanding January 1, 1925:	
Opening graves .....	\$21 00

Sale of lots .....	185 00	
Annual care .....	10 00	
Perpetual care funds .	250 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$466 00

## Charges 1925:

Opening graves .....	\$498 00	
Sale of lots .....	1025 00	
Annual care .....	11 00	
Perpetual care .....	1850 00	
Sale of graves .....	23 00	
Foundations .....	65 00	
Grading lots .....	4 50	
	<u>          </u>	\$3476 50
		<u>          </u> \$3942 50

Payments to treasurer ...	\$3012 50	
Cancelled—perpetual care	50 00	
Outstanding December 31, 1925 .....	880 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$3942 50

Outstanding January 1, 1926 .....	\$880 00
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Charges January 1 to 30,  
1926:

Opening graves .....	\$53 00	
Sale of graves .....	5 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$58 00
		<u>          </u> \$938 00

Outstanding January 30,  
1926, per list:

Opening graves .....	\$117 00
Sale of lots .....	247 00
Perpetual care funds .	400 00

Sale of graves .....	20 00	
Foundations .....	10 00	
		\$794 00
Due from Cemetery Superintendent, January 30, 1926 .....		\$144 00
		\$938 00

## SEWER SINKING FUND

	Deposits	Savings Bank Securities	Total
On hand at beginning of year .....	\$25935 66	\$16600 00	\$42535 66
On hand at end of year .....	\$28360 40	\$16000 00	\$44360 40
Receipts		Payments	
Sale of securities .....	\$600 00	Deposited in savings bank ..	\$2424 74
Income .....	1824 74		
Total .....	\$2424 74	Total .....	\$2424 74

## JESSE J. ANGELL CHARITY FUND

	Cash	Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year .....		\$1133 74	\$1133 74
On hand at end of year .....	\$85 41	\$1000 00	\$1085 41
Receipts		Payments	
Income .....	\$46 02	Aid rendered .....	\$94 35
Withdrawn from savings bank .....	133 74	Cash on hand at end of year .....	*85 41
Total .....	\$179 76	Total .....	\$179 76

\*—In general cash.

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### ALEXIS BOYER JR. SCHOOL FUND

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	Cash	Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year .....		\$261 07	\$261 07
On hand at end of year .....	\$29 23	\$200 00	\$229 23
Receipts		Payments	
Income .....	\$11 86	School expense .....	\$43 70
Withdrawn from savings bank .....	61 07	Cash on hand at end of year .....	*29 23
Total .....	\$72 93	Total .....	\$72 93
*—In general cash			

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### MARY MYNOTT LIBRARY FUND

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	Cash	Savings Bank Deposits	Total
On hand at beginning of year .....	\$7 69	\$1000 00	\$1007 69
On hand at end of year .....	\$2 17	\$1000 00	\$1002 17
Receipts		Payments	
Income .....	\$45 59	Library expense .....	\$51 02
Cash on hand at beginning of year .....	7 69	Cash on hand at end of year .....	*2 17
Total .....	\$53 19	Total .....	\$53 19
*—In general cash			

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## CEMETERY PERMANENT CARE FUND

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Savings Bank			
	Cash	Deposits	Securities Total
On hand at beginning of year	\$290 00	\$26369 30	\$32000 00 \$58659 30
On hand at end of year		\$31248 93	\$30000 00 \$61248 93
Receipts		Payments	
Sale of securities	\$2000 00	Deposited in savings bank	\$4879 63
Income	2449 63	Cemetery Care	2323 00
Bequests	1550 00	Refunded bequest	50 00
Sale of lots	963 00		
Cash on hand at beginning of year	290 00		
Total	\$7252 63	Total	\$7252 63

# TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1925

## REVENUE ACCOUNTS

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash:		Temporary Loans:	
In bank	\$54805 37	In anticipation of revenue	\$100000 00
Surplus War Bonus and Accumulations	7874 25	Jesse J. Argell Charity Fund	
Accounts Receivable:		Income	85 41
Taxes:		Alexis Boyer Jr. School Fund	
Levy of 1923	\$117 98	Income	29 23
Levy of 1924	14520 27	Mary Mynott Library Fund Income	2 17
Levy of 1925	56163 69	Sale of School Building	600 00
		Tailling account	279 20
Tax Titles	\$70801 94	World War Memorial	7874 25
Special Assessments:	\$725 94	Appropriation Balances:	
Unapportioned Sewer	\$4299 61	Fire Headquarters sidewalk and driveway	\$1200 00
Apportioned sewer 1925	75 57	Lebanon Hill Road Repairs	1500 00
Committed sewer interest	9 94		\$2700 00
	\$4385 12	Overlay (Reserved for abatements):	
Sidewalks	473 16	Levy of 1923	\$117 98
Committed sidewalk interest	30 36	Levy of 1924	2833 48
		Levy of 1925	2389 14
Departmental:			
Town Hall rents	\$100 00	Overlay Reserve Fund	\$5340 60
Ambulance	482 00	Tax Title Revenue	\$1332 10
Police, Court-room rent	300 00		725 94



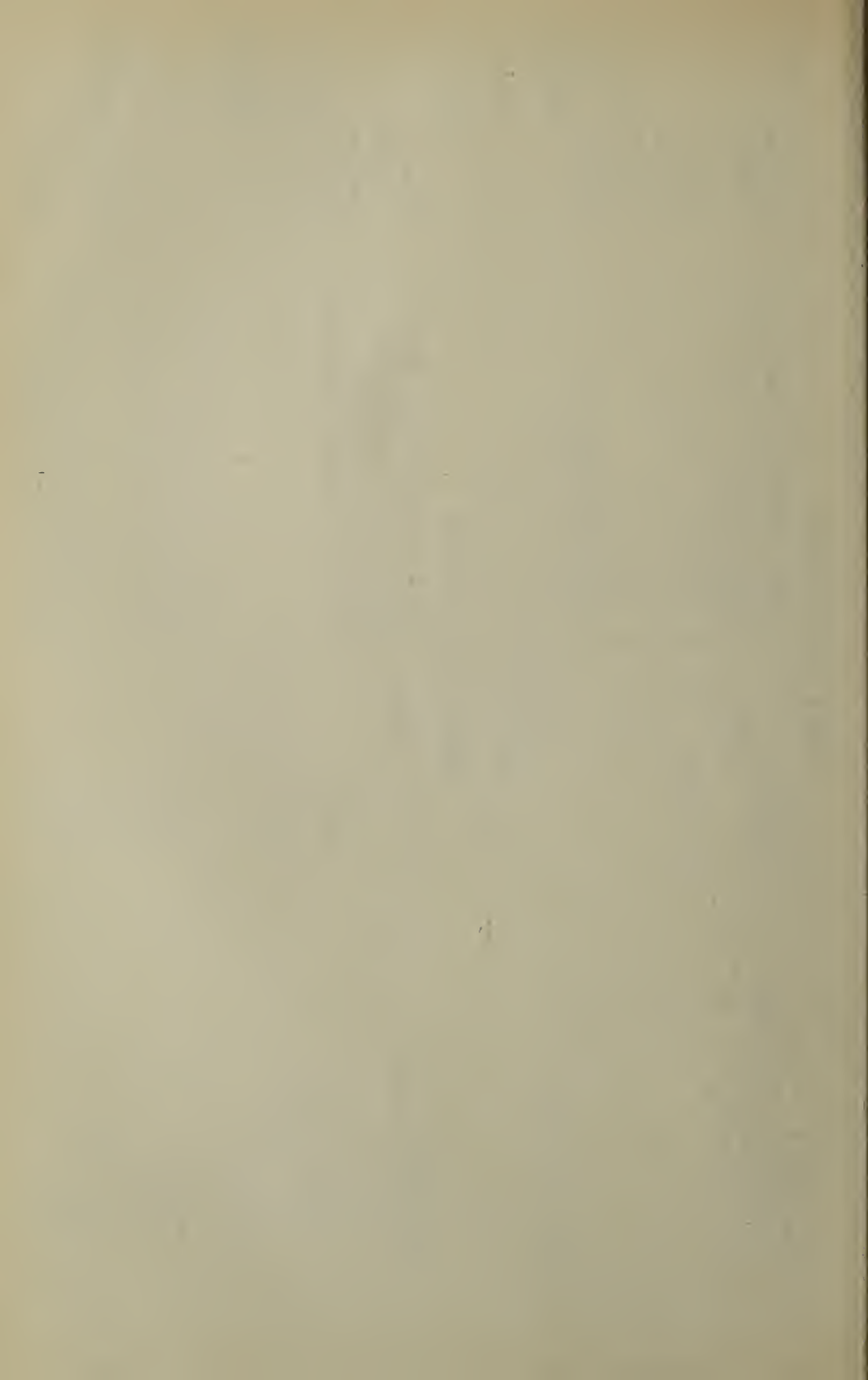
Highway .....	69 50	Sewer assessment revenue .....	\$4385 12
Poor .....	2754 27	Appropriation in excess of actual receipts .....	3399 95
State Aid .....	658 00	Sidewalk Assessment Revenue .....	\$985 17
Military Aid .....	255 00	Departmental Revenue .....	503 52
School .....	860 50	Excess and Deficiency (Surplus Revenue) .....	6359 27
Cemetery .....	880 00		20267 46
Overdrafts:			
Tree Warden .....	\$15 03		
Outside Poor .....	1298 22		
Soldiers' Relief .....	7 34		
Military Aid .....	255 01		
Pensions .....	48 00		
Cemetery .....	5 31		
	<u>\$1628 91</u>		
	\$147084 32		\$147084 32
<b>NON-REVENUE ACCOUNTS</b>			
Non-revenue Cash .....	\$25313 80	Unexpended balances:	\$ 21
Loans authorized .....	8000 00	River Street School .....	25313 59
		Sewer Filter Beds .....	8000 00
		Surface Drainage .....	
	<u>\$33313 80</u>		\$33313 80
<b>DEFERRED REVENUE ACCOUNTS</b>			
Sewer Assessments:		Apportioned Sewer Assessments:	
Apportioned but not due .....	\$852 75	Due in 1926 .....	\$688 62
		Due in 1927 .....	145 99
		Due in 1928 .....	18 14
	<u>\$852 75</u>		\$852 75

## DEBT ACCOUNTS

Sinking Fund .....	\$44360 40		
Net Funded or Fixed Debt .....	306549 60		
	<u>\$350910 00</u>		
Sewer Construction Loan 1899 .....		\$30000 00	
Sewer Construction Loan 1900 .....		20000 00	
General Loans:			
Serial 4 % .....		174250 00	
Serial 5 % .....		30000 00	
Serial 5½ % .....		8160 00	
Serial 4¼ % .....		18500 00	
Sewer Filter Beds Loan .....		70000 00	
		<u>\$350910 00</u>	
	<u>\$350910 00</u>		

## TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds:			
Cash and Securities .....			
	\$63448 93		
Jesse J. Angell Charity Fund .....		\$1000 00	
Alexis Boyer Jr. School Fund .....		200 00	
Mary Mynott Library Fund .....		1000 00	
Cemetery Permanent Care Fund .....		61248 93	
		<u>\$63448 93</u>	
	<u>\$63448 93</u>		



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